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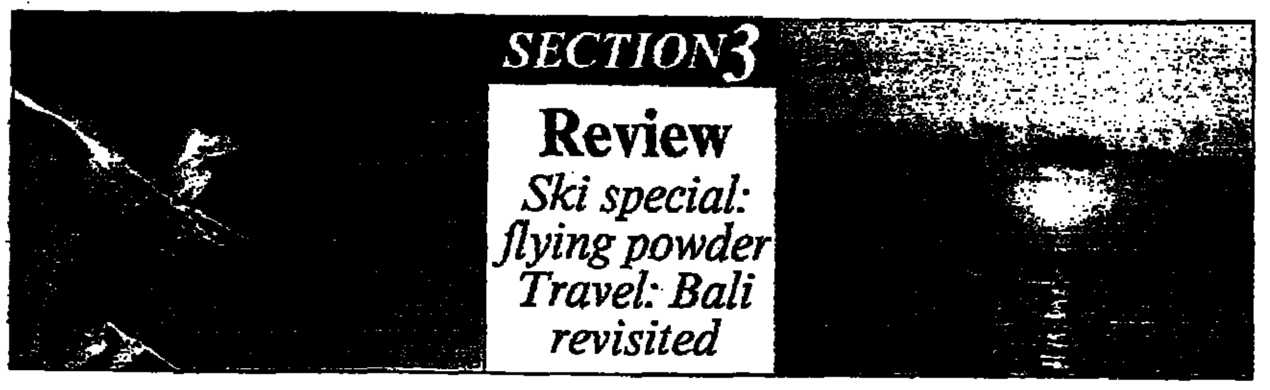

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Kinnock leads inquiry into Govan defeat

SNP jubilant following biggest post-war swing

By Robin Oakley and Kerry Gill

The Labour Party was conducting an anguished inquest last night after its humiliating loss to the Scottish nationalists in the Glasgow Govan by-election.

It suffered from the biggest swing ever at a post-war by-election despite staging a short contest on their own terms.

Mr Neil Kinnock said that it was a bad result and promised a wide-ranging inquiry into how Labour came to have a 19,500 majority overturned by the SNP's Mr Jim Sillars.

Scottish Labour MPs were sharply divided on how to respond. Many blamed the party leadership.

Mr Sillars, once a Labour MP, took the seat with 48 per cent of the vote, almost five times what the SNP had achieved in June 1987.

He called his victory a humiliation for Mrs Margaret Thatcher and a vote of no confidence in Mr Kinnock. The Labour leader's handling of Scotland, he said, had been a disaster.

Mr Sillars warned the Labour hierarchy yesterday: "The nightmare for them has arrived". He called for co-operation with radical elements in the Labour Party who shared the SNP's aspirations.

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Glasgow opinion was that Mr Sillars' win was at least in part due to Labour's fielding of Mr Bob Gillespie, a Sogat print union national official, whose lack-lustre campaign was highlighted in a Scottish Television programme in which candidates were given the opportunity to cross-question one another.

Mr Gillespie's incompetent and stumbling performance was widely reported the following day. His image as the old-style, street corner Labour politician was only exacerbated by early press attention on his fingers, tattooed with the words "Hong Kong" during service as a boy sailor.

In the last hours of the campaign, Mr Gillespie was forced to admit: "I may not be the intellectuals' favourite son, but as long as I am the ordinary man and woman in the street's favourite son, that's all that matters".

But he was not, and as a result the nationalists at last saw victory within their grasp.

Labour MPs admitted that the SNP's astonishing victory in a last-minute surge at the polls was built on dismissing Labour's massive contingent of 50 of the 72 Scottish MPs at Westminster as the "Feeble Fifty" who had failed to protect Scottish interests against the Thatcher government.

Mr Gordon Wilson, SNP president, said: "This breakthrough at Govan will give us the credibility to launch an all-out attack on them". He said that the Feeble Fifty had now become the Frightened Forty-Nine.

Mr Kinnock and Mr Donald Dewar, the Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, who had a meeting at Westminster yesterday, both dismissed Govan as the result of a protest vote. Mr Dewar said: "Labour has seen flash floods before and they don't signify sea changes".

But some Labour MPs were recalling grimly how the last Govan by-election win by Mr Sillars's wife, Margo MacDonald, in 1973 had seen the nationalists rise to seven MPs with 22 per cent of the vote in the first general election of 1974 and 11 MPs with 30 per cent of the vote in the second contest that year before the nationalist wave receded.

Another threat to Labour's chances of mounting an effective attack on Mrs Thatcher at the next general election is looming, although a nationalist surge will bring only limited comfort to the Government.

The nationalists were yesterday emphasizing that a similar swing during a general election would hand them every one of the 72 Scottish parliamentary seats.

More realistically, their victory poses a threat to a number of seats including Dundee East, the Western Isles, Linlithgow and Livingston, held by Labour, and the Tory seats of Galloway and

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Mackay defended

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor has gone to the defence of Lord Mackay of Clashfern, over the way he was suspended as an elder from the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland for attending two Roman Catholic requiem masses. In a letter to *The Times*, he says the accusers were guilty of making the Westminister Confession into an idol "which they worship" ....Page 11

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Date set for Piper Alpha inquiry

By Kerry Gill

The Piper Alpha public inquiry, which begins on January 19, will not decide who is liable to pay the compensation for victims of the world's worst oil industry disaster.

However, the investigation, which is likely to last up to nine months, will attempt to seek out the causes behind the explosions which resulted in the deaths of 167 men, Lord Cullen, the inquiry chairman said yesterday. He told a preliminary hearing in Aberdeen yesterday: "This is not a litigation; there is no pursuer and there is no defender. It does not have as its purpose to provide material for litigation."

He said the scope of his remit would be wide, especially to make observations and recommendations with a view to the preservation of life and the avoidance of similar accidents in the future.

Deadline extended on Girobank sale

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The Government opened the way yesterday for a clearing bank to buy Girobank, possibly for far less than the original price of about £250 million.

Mr Tony Newton, the Trade and Industry Minister, admitted the planned privatization of the £200 million banking arm of the Post Office is in difficulties. No suitable bid was received by last Monday's deadline.

He has extended the deadline indefinitely for talks with potential buyers. The bank operates from 20,000 Post Offices and has 2.5 million customers.

Mr Bryan Gould, Shadow trade and industry secretary, appealed to the Government to abandon the sale. Any bidder is now likely to acquire it with the aim of eliminating "a potentially dangerous rival", he said. "The danger is that the very failure of the privatization — the very time it has taken — is jeopardizing the future of Girobank."

When the privatization was announced in June Mr Kenneth Clarke, then Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said the Government would need a great deal of persuading before selling Girobank to a clearing bank.

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However Mr Newton said: "The general proposition that what we want to do is to secure a widening of choice and competition. It does not rule out an interest or purchase by a clearing bank.

"We remain committed to the return of the Girobank to the private sector and believe that is the best way forward — to give the bank the opportunity to realize its full potential — and that is in the interests both of the bank and its employees."

Potential bidders are believed to include Littlewoods, Westpac, the Australian banking group, Deutzche bank, and some building societies.

Mr Christopher Ellerton, banking expert with Warburg Securities, said: "The Post Offices are often extremely tatty." He said a building society might be interested in buying it, and predicted that the Girobank would eventually be sold at a heavy discount.

Mr Julian Robins, banking analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "There just isn't much reason for anyone to want to break into UK retail banking at the moment. The cost of interest on current accounts will squeeze profits again."

Pensive princess remembers

A thoughtful Princess of Wales at the Arc de Triomphe remembrance ceremony yesterday.

Royal tribute to war dead

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

On a glorious Parisian morning, the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday concluded their immensely successful tour with a potent and moving reaffirmation of the entente cordiale at the Armistice Day ceremony.

This is France's most solemn act of remembrance and President Mitterrand's decision to be accompanied throughout the proceedings by the future King of England could not have been more symbolic of the enduring links binding the two countries together in good times and bad.

As French officials and British diplomats here underlined, it is highly unusual for a foreign dignitary to be invited to share the limelight in the carefully orchestrated and colourful gathering at Arc de Triomphe. To have the Welsh Guards, of which the Prince is colonel, parading in full dress unform alongside the cavalry of the Garde Républicaine was considered a signal honour as

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British soldier shot by Army patrol

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

A British soldier, seriously wounded during a gun battle in Londonderry involving IRA terrorists, was shot by an Army patrol.

The non-commissioned officer, aged 28, who was off-duty and in civilian clothes, was shot on Thursday night near the entrance to Rosemount Army base. He had taken his rifle with him from an accommodation block, believing he could be of assistance during an attack on the base.

A mobile Army quick reaction force, which arrived on the scene within minutes of the sound of gunfire, mistook him for a terrorist and he was shot twice.

The soldier, whose regiment is believed to be the Green Howards, underwent emergency surgery and his condition is still "very serious".

The incident took place just 24 hours after the IRA exploded a car-bomb near army married quarters at Campsie, four miles from Londonderry, in which two RUC officers and a British soldier were injured.

The army is to mount an inquiry into the shooting. Investigators will want to establish whether soldiers in the quick reaction force followed the rules of engagement operational in Northern Ireland. Under the rules soldiers should, in most situations, warn their targets before shooting.

With shots being fired at the Rosemount base it is unlikely that they issued a warning before shooting.

Row on Hitler speech forces Speaker to quit Bundestag

From John England, Bonn

Herr Philipp Jenninger, the Bundestag President (Speaker), and West Germany's second-ranking man after the head of state, resigned his post yesterday amid a blazing row over a speech on Thursday in which he lauded Hitler's early political triumphs.

Herr Jenninger, aged 56, one of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats also appeared to condone the Nazis' anti-semitism in the 1930s.

His remarks, which he claimed yesterday were misunderstood, were seen as especially tasteless because his speech was the centre-piece of parliament's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, the Nazis' night of terror against the Jews.

Opposition MPs, many of whom walked out of the chamber in disgust during the speech, demanded his resignation. His own party also urged him to step down as the Israeli Government and the Jewish World Congress expressed their shock over Herr Jenninger's remarks.

Most West German newspapers yesterday were also scathingly critical of his speech, several of them calling on him to quit, but a leading writer in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* said: "Never mind whether Jenninger's speech was too pointed for progressive spirits. No one can call him a secret defender of Nazism."

Herr Jenninger declared his resignation at a special meeting of the conservatives' parliamentary group. He said he had been shocked by the reaction to his address.

"Many of my listeners did not understand my speech in the way I meant it. I regret that deeply, and I am sorry if I hurt others' feelings."

Herr Jenninger added that during the whole of his political career he had made efforts in special ways towards reconciliation with the Jews and for the "life interests" of the state of Israel.

He had always been an uncompromising opponent of every form of totalitarian government, not least because of the experiences of his parents under the Nazi regime. But it was important that the office of Bundestag President suffered no harm, and he had to assume that many MPs no longer had confidence in him.

Herr Jenninger, who had served almost exactly four years as President, is believed to have taken his decision to quit after talks with Herr Kohl, his close friend. The two men address each other with the familiar "*du*", and have been on weight-losing cures together. Herr Jenninger's speech therefore was also a personal embarrassment for the Chancellor, who is due to fly to America today on a three-day visit.

ISRAEL SATISFIED

There was quiet satisfaction in Israel at Herr Jenninger's swift resignation (Ian Murray writes). Foreign Ministry spokesmen said: "The way the history and the background of the Nazi period were presented in his speech can not be accepted by any Jew. We now regard this as an internal German matter in which we are not involved."

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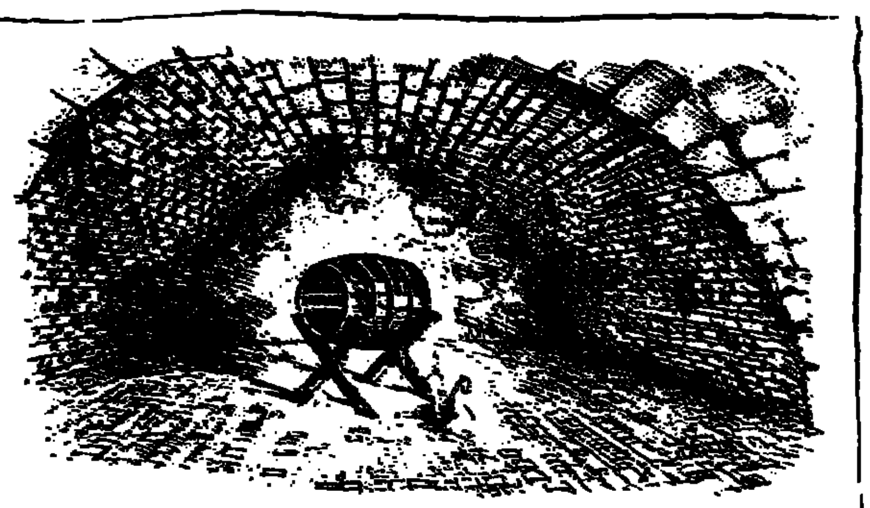
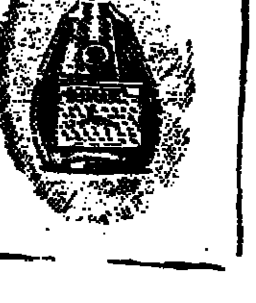
Herr Kohl said his decision honoured him and said everything about his political integrity and democratic conviction. His attitude deserved both recognition and esteem.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, said his MPs had noted Herr Jenninger's step with respect. He had also had a private talk with the Speaker on Thursday. The Greens described Herr Jenninger's decision as a "logical consequence" of his speech.





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Judges rule boycott of Employment Training is illegal

By Ian Smith and Roland Rudd

A boycott of the Government's Employment Training scheme by Liverpool City Council was deemed illegal by the High Court in London yesterday.

The judges' ruling was last night viewed as an important victory for the Government, which feared failure of court action instigated by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, would lead to other local authorities opting out of the scheme introduced two months ago.

Mr Fowler, clearly delighted with the High Court's decision, said it was good news for Liverpool's unemployed.

He said: "I hope that Liverpool City Council will now abandon their efforts to prevent voluntary organizations and employers in Liverpool from taking part in Employment Training and giving people the training they need to get back into work".

The Government is confident all of the 600,000 places for the long-term unemployed will be taken up under the £5 billion training programme.

Although the TUC voted for a boycott and a two-year phased withdrawal from the scheme, unions on the right are continuing to co-operate with the programme.

Passing judgement after a two-day hearing, Lord Justice Lloyd ruled the council was attempting to punish or coerce voluntary organizations that failed "to toe the council line" by refusing funding.

Sitting with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Nolan, he agreed the Minister of State for Employment could not prevent council opposition. However, his complaint against the illegal way the authority had put its opposition into effect was justified.

Mr Keva Coombes, council leader, said after the hearing that the authority was disappointed that the government action had succeeded. It would consider an appeal.

"We believe this is an unprecedented challenge through the courts on the rights of democratically elected local authorities to make and implement policies for their areas.

"Our deep concern about the unsuitability and poor quality of the employment training scheme remains the same and we remain committed to promoting and campaigning for schemes of real relevance to the people of Liverpool."

Mr Allan Roberts, Labour MP for Bootle, accused the Government of using the courts to prevent Liverpool City Council ensuring the "youth of Merseyside receive proper employment and real employment training".

Immediately the scheme was introduced last September, the council voted on refusal to co-operate or fund any organization involved in employment training. It argued that the scheme would provide cheap labour to reduce unemployment figures.

Forced to abandon its own community programme because of the scheme's introduction, the already financially overstretched council has committed £1.5 million from its coffers to employing voluntary sector staff.

Those now employed by the council include home helps, nursery nurses and meals on wheels staff. Money has also been made available to voluntary organizations.

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Brash orator who overturned Labour

Jim Sillars taking a tour of victory in Glasgow, Govan yesterday (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Jim Sillars, celebrating his Glasgow, Govan success, knew he was the one man who could pull off Thursday's by-election victory for the SNP (Martin Fletcher writes). Labour officials had privately conceded the possibility of an upset the day he was chosen as candidate.

At the campaign outset, he talked of what he would do when, not if, he was returned to Westminster. He said, without a trace of modesty, that his decision to stand had been enough to inspire party workers with the belief that they could win — something they had not felt for years.

Jim Sillars, little known south of the border, is a name to be conjured with in Scotland. He is aged 51, brash, ebullient, intellectually arrogant . . . and a rousing, demagogic orator and formidable political strategist.

His colourful political history means he will be representing his third party at Westminster. The first was Labour, for which the former railwayman and fireman won the South Ayrshire by-election in March 1970. Quickly labelled the "Hammer of the Nats", he was hailed a bright prospect.

That ended abruptly in 1975 when, in an act of apparent political suicide, he left Labour in protest at its failure to honour commitments to Scottish home rule.

He co-founded the short-lived independent Scottish Labour Party which expired in 1979 after he narrowly lost his seat. In 1980, he joined the party he despised when it was riddled with in-fighting. Those days are past. He has stamped his authority on the SNP, became its vice-president last year, and in September persuaded it to back the concept of Scottish independence within Europe.

In the nine years since leaving Westminster, he has worked mostly as a management consultant and latterly became chief executive of Scottish Consultants International, a company promoting Scottish business overseas.

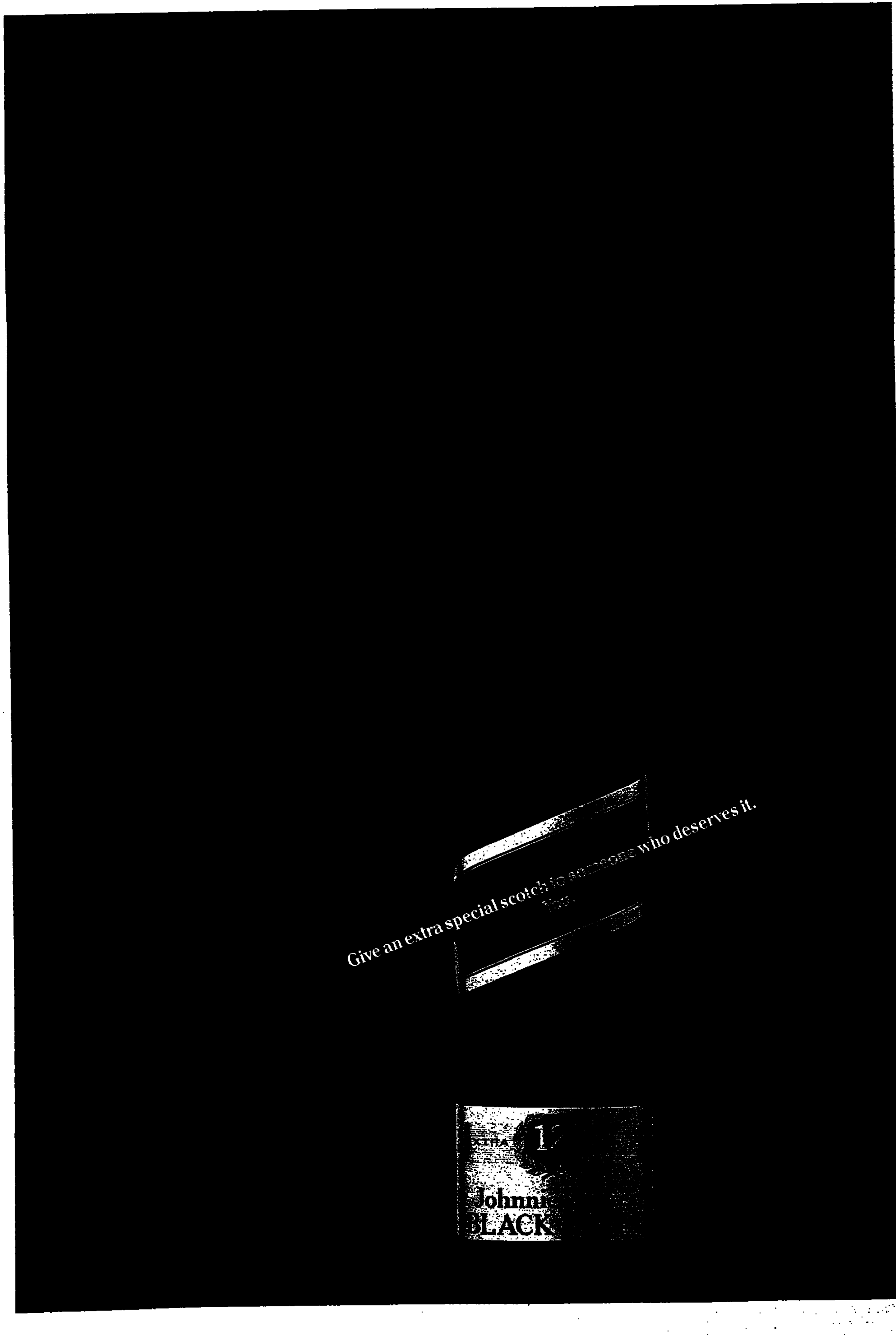
He has married Margo MacDonald, the former SNP member who snatched Govan from Labour in a sensational by-election victory 15 years ago this month, only to lose the seat a few months later at the general election.

He insists he has retained his basic values but has updated his socialism for the 1990s.

He was scathing about Bob Gillespie, his opponent, dismissing him as a socialist stuck with "the nostrums of the past".

Of greater interest will be the tactics he now employs, having based his campaign on the ineffectiveness of Labour's "Feeble Fifty" MPs in mitigating Thatcherism.

He has dismissed protests such as that of Alex Salmond, his SNP colleague ejected from the Chamber for interrupting the Chancellor's Budget speech. He hints at unremitting use of procedural devices to frustrate a Government whose right to rule in Scotland he does not recognize.



NEWS ROUNDUP

Police seek man over missing girl

Police hunting for Anna Humphries, aged 15, confirmed yesterday that they wished to question a man but refused to comment on reports that they had found a green Allegro car seen close to where Anna disappeared on Tuesday evening.

Police also said yesterday that calls or shouts had been heard from woods between Penley, Clwyd, and Ellesmere, Shropshire, at about 4pm on Tuesday. Anna, of Hampton Wood, Shropshire, should have been waiting at a nearby junction for her parents to collect her from school.

Earlier Det Supt Gareth Jones, the deputy head of North Wales CID, cancelled a press conference and left the police incident room.

The Allegro car is understood to have been found at a nearby village and taken away by police trailer.

Mr Jones said on Thursday that two witnesses driving towards Penley from Ellesmere at about 3.55pm on Tuesday saw the Allegro ahead of them.

Armed raid on home

An armed gang bound and gagged the three children of a Dublin businessman and two friends hours before a court ruling on a takeover battle in which his company was involved. The seven masked gunmen took documents from a safe at the home of Mr Roland Benner, at Killiney, Co Dublin. He is managing director of the Northern Ireland branch of FII Fyffes, whose 20 per cent share in the Irish Distillers Group is at the centre of a takeover battle. But police said the motive was robbery, not industrial espionage.

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Fewer communicants

The number of Easter and Christmas communicants in the Church of England fell by 4.6 per cent between 1985 and 1986, according to figures released yesterday that measure the church's total active adult strength. However, there was a 3.6 per cent rise in communicants on an ordinary Sunday, due to the growing proportion of church attenders who receive communion. Open plate collections rose by 16 per cent to more than £29 million, and the amount donated under covenants rose by nearly 9 per cent to £43 million.

New Pennine route

A 150-mile Trans Pennine Way is being built, forming the longest cross-country route of its kind. Unlike the Pennine Way, which runs down the spine of England, the new route will run east to west from York to Liverpool using footpaths, bridleways and cycle tracks. A start has been made between York and Selby, where the former east coast rail line has been converted into a cycle way. By spring, Sustainable Transport, a Bristol-based charity, hopes to strike through the heart of West Yorkshire across to the Mersey.

Tribute to journalist

A plaque was unveiled yesterday to mark the contribution to journalistic integrity of Sir William Haley, a former editor of *The Times*, director of Reuter's and senior executive of the BBC. It was unveiled at the Reuter's building in Fleet Street, London, where in 1941 Sir William, who died last year, conceived the company's principles on which it still relies. Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the Reuter's Founders Share Company, said: "He was one of the great journalists of this century and enhanced the reputation of every institution which he served".

Mine closure feared

Bilston Glen colliery in Midlothian, Scotland, which employs 1,000 men, is in danger of closing because of falling production. The pit has been placed under review procedure which is the first step towards possible closure. British Coal Scottish Area said yesterday that when management and unions first met three months ago to discuss the pit's future, production stood at 10,000 tonnes a week — half its target.

New plan for Wapping includes media centre

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Plans for a new multi-million pound development on the News International site near St Katharine's Dock at Wapping, have been unveiled by Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News International. They include a media centre and a large concourse open to the public.

The scheme, which is being considered by the Royal Fine Art Commission, will provide 840,000 sq ft of mixed-use space designed around a new London square.

The office space will be taken by News International staff and there will be two new main buildings, one a 15-storey office tower.

The development will also include a media centre with complete facilities for international media operations, a cinema, and public areas with shops, a public house, wine bars, restaurants and banks.

A planning application will be made to the London Docklands Development Corporation later this month. If it is approved, the buildings are scheduled for completion in September 1991.

The architects are The Fitzroy Robinson Partnership and the development consultants are Weatherall Green & Smith.

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Court video screens will shield alleged victims

Six men 'recruited children for big sexual abuse ring'

By Mark Ellis

Six men, including a barrister and a company solicitor, sexually abused children aged as young as 10 for more than five years after recruiting their victims from special schools and from the streets of London, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The men deny a total of 18 charges, nearly all of which allege serious sexual offences against children aged under 16. Video screens have been set up in the court for what is believed to be the first use of filmed evidence from witnesses in Britain to shield the youngsters from their alleged abusers in the dock.

More than 20 alleged victims are expected to give evidence from next week from behind a screen and facing a video camera. They will be seen in person only by the judge.

Mr Michael Hill, QC, for the prosecution, said the charges against the men, of whom the youngest two allegedly became corruptors of children after having been abused themselves, were only samples of the offences it is alleged the gang committed.

He said: "No-one living in our society in this day and age can be unaware of the growing anxiety about child abuse.

"The physical and, often more, the sexual abuse of children at a time when they have little standards of their own by which to judge whether what is being done to them is right or wrong and in circumstances in which they begin to perceive that what is done to them sexually is wrong, they assume the guilt that those who abuse them should have.

"They remain silent and have nowhere to go to seek release from what has been done to them. That is a problem we all have to deal with."

Mr Hill said the charges related to the sexual abuse of children through their pubescence and into young adulthood by a group of like-minded men who individually and collectively set out to acquire youngsters for their own sexual satisfaction.

"These young people came to believe that the abuse was normal, natural and everyday behaviour. Some were in their very early years, 10, 11 and 12 years of age, and many were subjected to sexual offences which were repeated, repeated and repeated."

The court was told that in one alleged case, a boy aged 15, who had absconded from care in Scotland, hitchhiked to London and, within 10 minutes of arriving at Piccadilly Circus, central London, had been "snapped up" by one of those people who prowl public places seeking boys for sex.

He quickly became a male prostitute and was introduced to an alleged member of the ring, Colin Peters, aged 45, a barrister, of Chepstow Road, Bayswater, west London, who it is alleged used him for sexual favours for four years.

In another case, Alan Delaney, aged 48, a director of a cleaning company, of Hounslow, west London, seduced a boy aged 15 who he had met while acting as a trainer to a youth football team.

The court was told he gave the boy a holiday job in his office and offered massage to strengthen his muscles for football.

A number of serious sexual offences had allegedly taken place at the home of Mr Delaney's mother.

A British Telecom engineer called to the Delaney home in April last year found a photograph album behind a bedside cabinet while he installed a telephone.

The court was told that the album contained 40 photographs of boys and girls aged seven to 16 in nude poses and one of simulated sex.

The court was told that Ernest Whittington, aged 64, a Brent council estate orderly, of George Landsbury House, Harlesden, north-west London, was known to children he befriended as "the chocolate man" because of his generosity.

Also charged are Patrick Norris, aged 19, of Kilburn, north-west London, his brother, Sean, aged 18, unemployed, and Victor Burnett, aged 43, unemployed.

The case continues

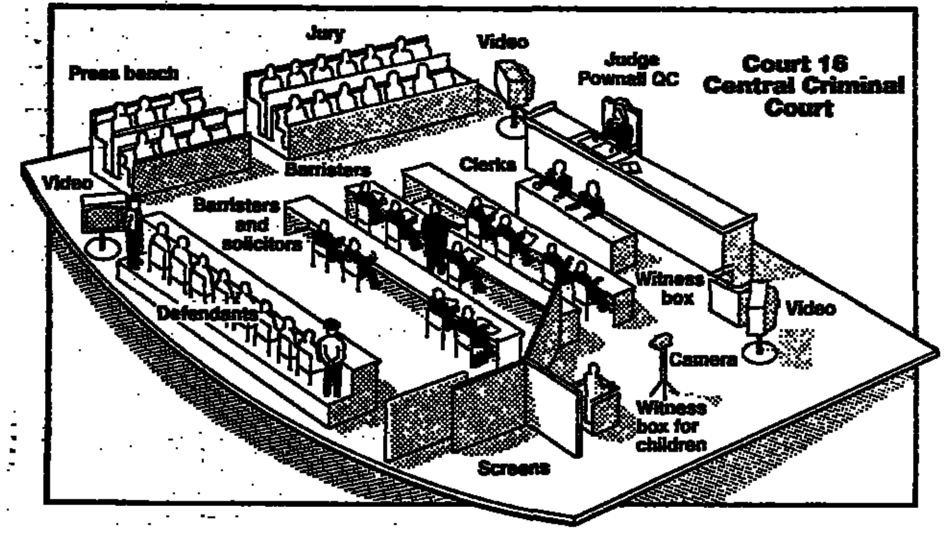

Diagram of the court showing screens shielding child witnesses from their alleged abusers.

Shampoo and set for show

Mighty, a one-ton star of the Lord Mayor's Show, being prepared yesterday for today's parade by Mr John Cook, a groom. The Whitbread shire horse is no stranger to the limelight – it recently completed a 1,600-mile charity walk (Photograph: Adrian Brooks).

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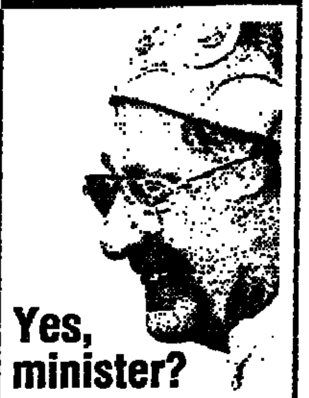

Yes, minister?

If the Archbishop of Canterbury ordained a woman, how many of his flock would leave the fold?

- On Monday and Tuesday, *The Times* reveals the results of an exclusive MORI poll of ordinary churchgoers. Would the Church be split over the ordination of women? Find out in *The Times* next week.

Plus . . .

- Why do the words "means test" make pensioners shudder? On Monday *The Times* looks at what means testing means today.

£8,000

- The Portfolio Accumulator £4,000 daily prize was won yesterday by Mr Carl Perry, of Guildford, Surrey. The Accumulator fund stands at £4,000.
- In addition, today there is a chance to win the weekly prize of £8,000. Games: **pages 21, 24**

Inquest on gunman

Police shooting was lawful

By David Sapsted

The police marksman who shot dead a drunken gunman in a West Country lane "found it no different from shooting a target on the range", an inquest was told yesterday.

Police Constable Colin Shaw said he had felt no emotion as Glyn Davies, aged 29, staggered towards the police roadblock brandishing a pump-action shotgun at the end of a nine-hour, 85-mile chase last November.

The coroner's jury at Cullompton, Devon, returned a verdict of lawful killing on Davies from Chard, Somerset, after hearing that PC Shaw had only fired his own shotgun after the gunman had appeared to aim his weapon, later found to be unloaded, at the police cordon.

"I decided to fire because I was convinced he was going to shoot and the lives of my colleagues were at risk. I wasn't concerned about it because I knew I had done everything right", PC Shaw said. He said he had fired to wound, not kill.

Davies, who was later found to have four times the legal limit of alcohol for driving in his blood, had driven off with a woman friend and his daughter aged three after threatening his estranged wife, a bailiff and two police officers with the shotgun when they had arrived at his home to serve a court order giving custody of the child to the mother.

During the chase through Devon and Somerset, Davies – known locally as the Wild Man of Chard – fired at pursuing police cars and other vehicles.

The officer who led the Police Complaints Board inquiry into the killing, Mr Haydon Davies, assistant chief constable of South Wales, said the police would have been failing in their duty to the public if they had not stopped the gunman.

After the verdict, Mr Richard Van Oppen, the Exeter and East Devon coroner, who had described Davies as a drunken, violent and homicidal man, commended the officers "for the manner in which the operation they carried out was conducted for the protection of the public".

"Further, I wish to commend PC Shaw for his discipline, tactical appreciation and restraint."

However, Mrs Stella Davies, the dead man's mother, said outside the court: "I do blame the police because I think they should have come to us and perhaps we could have gone to where Glyn was and talked to him".

Inflation threat to Arts Council cash

By Mark Souster

Inflation could undermine the future work of the Arts Council by devaluing government grants to unintended levels, it was claimed yesterday.

While the council welcomes as a "milestone" the decision to provide funding on a three-year basis, it says further unexpected rises in inflation could throw forward planning into turmoil.

Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary general, when introducing its forty-third annual report in London, said: "The unique and precious commodity that the arts represent may be inadvertently damaged if the rise continues. I hope the Government shares our concern."

Mr Rittner said more money would obviously be welcome but added: "We accept we have to work within limited resources and that the begging bowl approach is not one that will help either the Arts Council or the many arts organizations that we exist to serve".

Mr Rittner said the council had to look further afield for funding and sponsorship from the private sector and had this year launched a "Business and the Arts" campaign to try to achieve this.

In October the Government announced a £465 million package to fund the Arts Council until 1991. That development, Mr Rittner said, had already had far-reaching effects and "was probably the most significant one to affect the arts for many years".

The accounts for 1987-1988 show that the council received £138 million and had a turnover of £140 million.

Owner of gym sold steroids

A gymnasium owner who illegally sold anabolic steroids was last night sentenced to six months in jail, suspended for two years.

Bob Cross, aged 39, of High Street, Leagrave, Luton, Bedfordshire, was also fined a total of £1,500 and ordered to pay £500 prosecution costs at Luton Crown Court.

Sentencing him, Judge Rodwell, QC, said: "It is perfectly clear that the items which you have sold are items which can have quite dangerous side effects.

Cross, who had admitted five counts of selling anabolic steroids without prescription, contrary to the Medicines Act, 1968, had earlier told the court that he went into body building when his gym opened three years ago.

Help for working mothers

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

Working mothers are being offered new forms of child care assistance because employers cannot afford to lose experienced staff.

And three reports published yesterday give a warning that firms must stop discriminating against older people, women and ethnic minorities and reduce their academic requirements in order to recruit and retain workers.

According to a survey by the independent Industrial Relations Services, many companies and public authorities have realized that it costs less to spend money on child care assistance than to recruit new women workers.

With so little public provision many women have no option but to care for their children full-time for the first five years unless they receive help from their employer.

Facilities are also scarce for school-age children; although some local authorities are trying to help by keeping the schools open later. There are few schemes to cope with term-time and holidays.

A surge of interest from employers in the provision of workplace nurseries has been disclosed by the report, which has considerably improved retention of staff.

But many smaller companies find the administrative burden of a nursery too much and instead increasingly are looking at child care allowance as an alternative means of helping working mothers.

From Computeach International, a leading training firm, comes one of the three reports giving a warning that companies will face severe recruitment problems if they do not alter radically their staff requirements. Its advice is that firms should take on more older people and its findings are echoed by Action, a lobby group for the long-term unemployed.

And the British Printing Industries Federation yesterday launched a guide for employers after a survey showed that fewer than 4 per cent of all new school-leaver entrants to skilled occupations are female and less than 2 per cent come from ethnic minorities.

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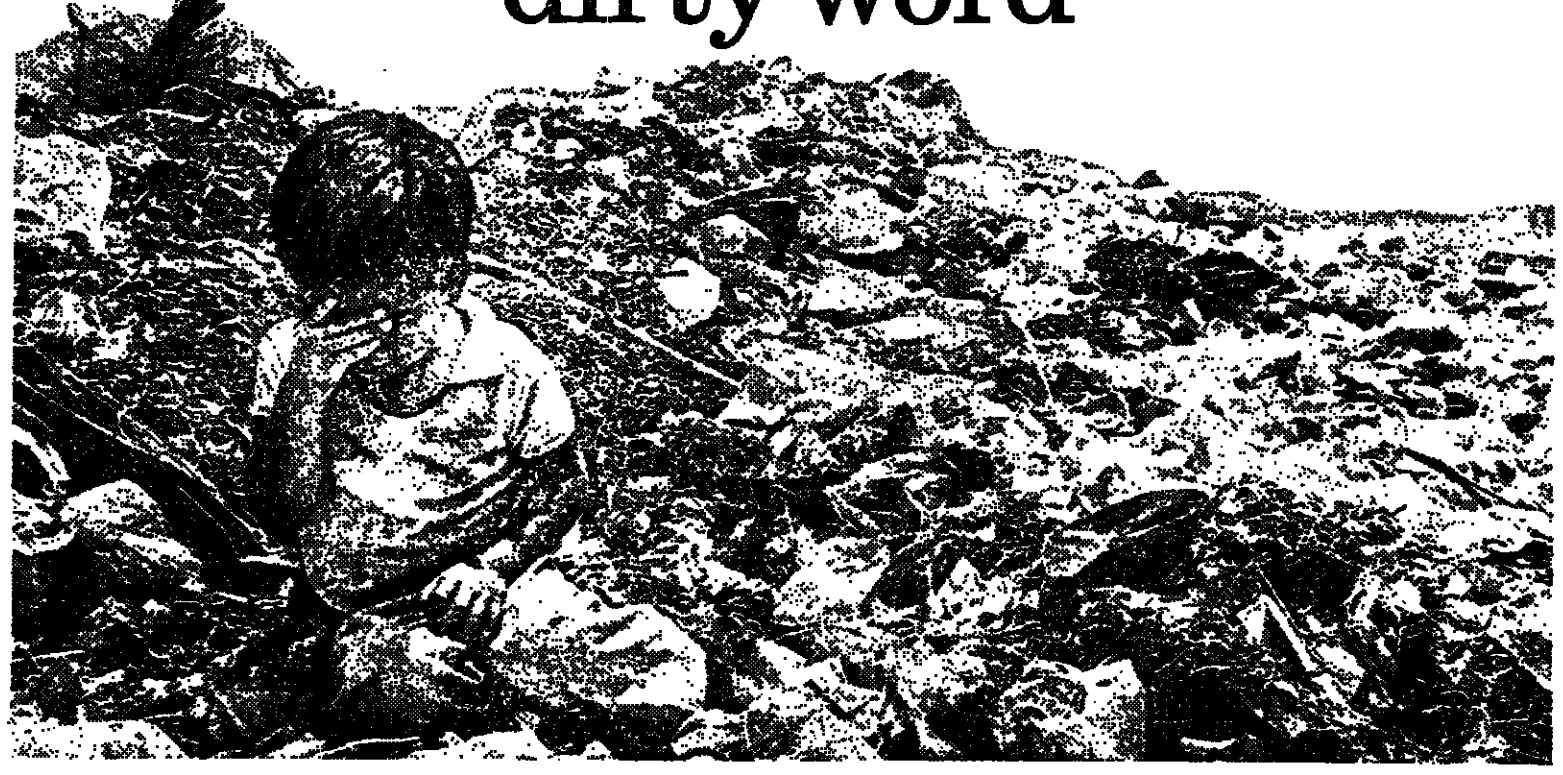

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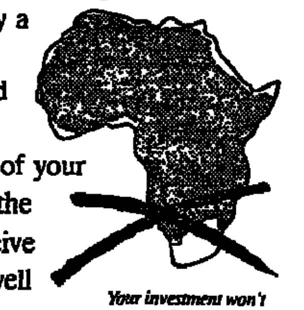

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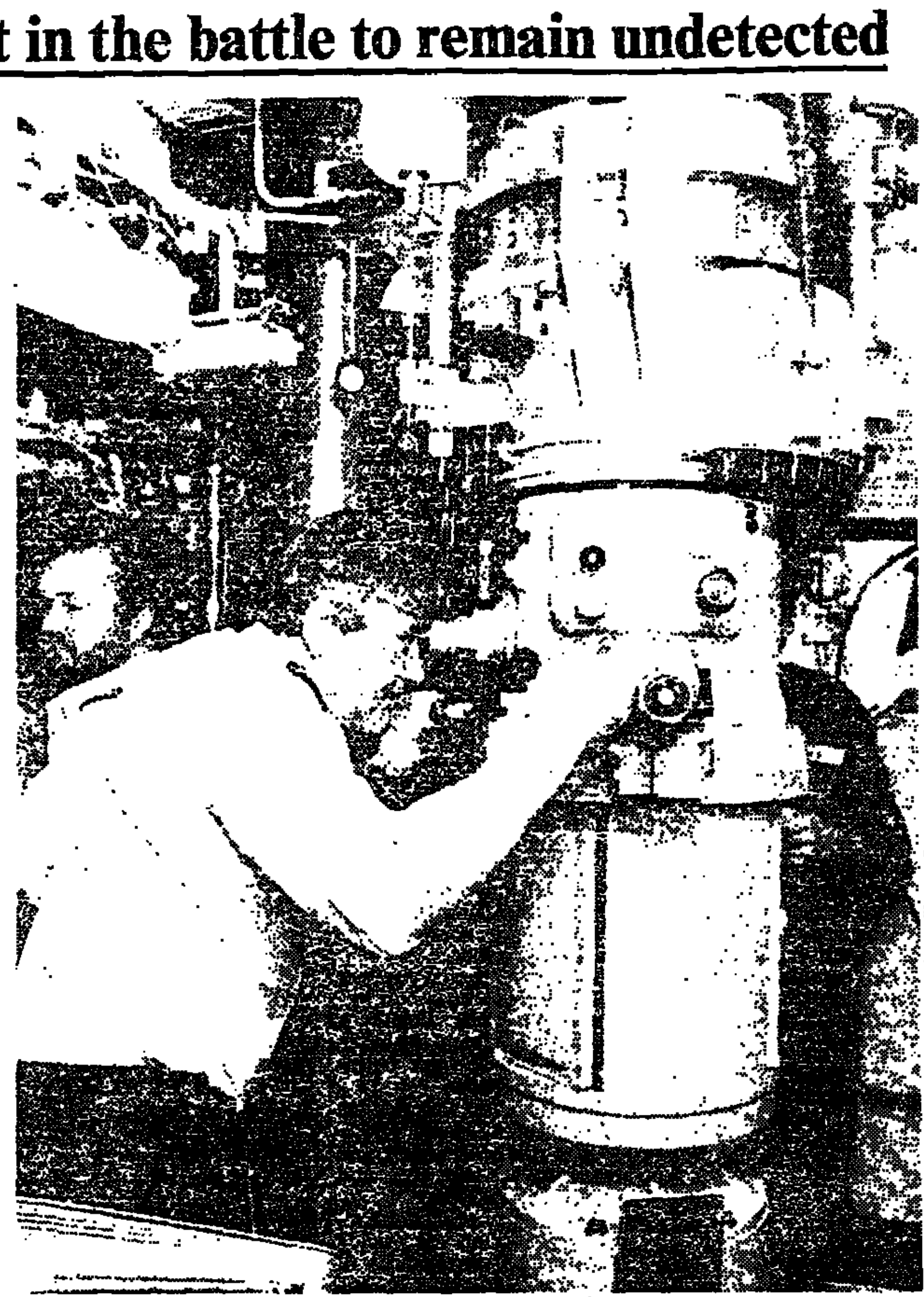
Submarine crews on constant alert in the battle to remain undetected

Polaris patrols go on as Navy prepares for the Trident era

Next year the Royal Navy celebrates the twenty-first anniversary of the first patrol by a British Polaris submarine. *Michael Evans, Our Defence Correspondent*, has just spent time with the new commander and crew of HMS Repulse – 21 this month – watching the routine of remaining ready – and undetected.



Commander Johnny Milnes looks through the periscope during the pre-patrol exercises.

The Royal Navy has selected about 40 submariners to train as instructors for Britain's future £9 billion Trident ballistic missile submarine deterrent which will replace the four Polaris boats in the mid 1990s.

The chosen team will fly to the United States submarine base at King's Bay, Georgia, from next February to begin training, according to Royal Navy sources. Next year, too, the captain, officers and crew of HMS Vanguard, the first Trident 2 submarine, now under construction at Barrow-in-Furness, will be announced.

Meanwhile yesterday HMS Repulse, the third oldest of Britain's Polaris submarines – 21 this month after her launch in November 1967 – was preparing for another patrol beneath the 200,000 square miles of North Atlantic ocean.

Next year the "Fighting" 10th Submarine Squadron, HMS Resolution, Renown, Repulse and Revenge, will celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the first patrol. Since that time the captains and their crews have carried out one of the most demanding and nerve-racking jobs in the Royal Navy.

Although Britain's nuclear deterrent has been persistently supported by the electorate, the reality of a British submarine remaining on a constant state of alert deep down in the Atlantic 24 hours a day, every day, armed with up to 16 missiles– a firepower greater than all the bombs dropped by both sides in the Second World War – is more difficult to grasp.

Commander Johnny Milnes, aged 41, a cravat-wearing extrovert, who has had to take over as skipper of Repulse at short notice because her captain became ill, is now engaged in carrying out familiar training routines which are vital for testing the readiness of the crew. When the patrol starts, Commander Milnes has to guarantee that at all times he is ready at 15 minutes' notice to fire the missiles.

I was on board Repulse – motto *Qui Tangit Frangatum* (who touches me is broken) – as she submerged about 100ft beneath the Clydeand her crew went through a simulated missile firing. The computer on board contains the secret list of targets, designated by a numerical code. But a whole series of checks and verification procedures have to be completed before the captain finally can shout: "The WEO (weapons engineering officer) has my permission to fire".

The WEO on Repulse is Lieutenant-Commander Mike Storey, aged 33. A few minutes before the order to fire, he, accompanied by Lieutenant-Commander Robin l'Oste-Brown, aged 35, the Executive Officer, separately had opened two combination-locked safes, one inside the other, in the missile control centre to retrieve special code books that authenticated the dummy signal sent to the wireless room (in war, the signal comes direct from the Prime Minister) – and also a set of keys. The trigger which the WEO would press to fire the 2,500-mile range missiles is painted red and made out of redundant Colt pistols.

No one on board knows where the missiles are targeted. The British deterrent, although independent, is part of Nato's targeting plans and the Polaris captains are not required to know what they are.

Today, increasing numbers of Soviet submarines – many of them significantly quieter and better equipped – are attempting to track British ballistic missile submarines (SSBN's).

During Repulse's patrol, lasting eight to 10 weeks, Commander Milnes will practise all the tricks learnt by Polaris captains over the years when faced with a possible hostile contact, including hiding in places where there is already considerable noise – beneath a merchant vessel or a school of whales.

Repulse will "potter around" its huge patrol area in the North Atlantic, at very slow speed and at great depth, like a huge, invisible fish, always remaining within missile range of the targets. "Slow is beautiful (for keeping quiet), we're out there to keep off the beaten track", Commander Milnes said.

Captain Toby Elliott, Captain 10th Squadron, who is responsible for the four Polaris submarines, said: "Very few people know where a Polaris boat goes. On board it's just the captain, his executive officer and the navigation officer."

Repulse will remain in constant communication with a tiny Polaris operations cell inside the Royal Navy's fleet headquarters at Northwood in west London. Communication comes via a thick black aerial, thousands of feet long, that trails through the water to the surface – the only lifeline to the outside world.

But radio contact is strictly one way. A Polaris captain never transmits signals because it may give away the location of the submarine. As far as is known, none of the Polaris submarines has ever been detected by the Russians.

But to make sure, at the end of every Polaris patrol, the data collected by the submarine sonar operators, listing every contact registered – whether merchant vessel, aircraft or submarine – is sent to the Joint Acoustical Analysis Centre at Farnborough, Hamp-shire. A final investigation is carried out by a specialist group of Ministry of Defence experts, to prove that once again a Polaris patrol has been completed without detec-tion by the Russians.

Business chiefs hail Prince's inner city role

By Michael Horsnell and Craig Seton

The Prince of Wales, who will be 40 on Monday, was handed an early birthday accolade yesterday when captains of industry praised him for his inspiration in breathing new life into decaying inner cities.

Seven company chairmen and chief executives protested that the Prince, who has sparked a controversy over his criticism of modern British architecture, suffered from an unfair "wimpish" image in the media.

The truth was that he had brought about changes and provided an unprecedented impetus in urban regeneration at a time when his role was under scrutiny.

Many in the corporate sector applauded his leadership and effectiveness in releasing resources for economic regeneration.

Business leaders believe his personal commitment and enthusiasm has been unparalleled in rousing involvement across the country.

Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits (Holdings), called for more respect to be shown to the Prince by the media. "He cannot hit back and none of us would like to have the sort of things sometimes said about him said about us. He has done a remarkable job."

The occasion was a conference of Business in the Community, an association of 300 British businesses which aims at encouraging social responsibility and revitalizing economic life in local communities. The Prince is the association's president.

Sir Hector, the organization's chairman, said the Prince had given firms and shareholders the confidence to support charity and inner city initiatives aimed at providing more jobs.

Mr David Rowland, chief executive of the Sedgwick Group, told the London conference that the Prince was totally unlike his "wimpish" image. The Prince was confident and had exerted a huge influence on business life.

Mr Godfrey Bradman, chairman of Rosehaugh, said the Prince – who will celebrate his birthday at a community centre in Birmingham – always showed concern for needy and downtrodden members of society, and had been a driving force in many schemes.

In Birmingham, the Prince will resume his keen interest in the progress of the city since riots there three years ago left two people dead and damage estimated at £16 million in Handsworth.

He will spend his birthday with 1,500 young people in an old tramcar depot. The derelict building has been refurbished to provide work and training for the long-term jobless.

The Prince visited Handsworth in the year after the riots and has returned since to see some of the projects to help regenerate the area.

The Prince will also meet some of the formerly unemployed young people who have been helped nationwide by the Prince's Youth Business Trust.

Among the successful young business people meeting the Prince will be Mr Sydney Campbell, aged 26, an electrical engineer.

Nine months ago Mr Campbell, rebuffed by banks, was backed with a £1,500 loan from the the Prince's trust to launch Oak Security Systems, selling and fitting burglar alarms and security systems in Villa Road, Handsworth.

He now employs three full-time staff and has a turnover estimated at £65,000 a year.

He plans to open a similar business in the east end of London.

Headmasters challenged

Call for joint study on mixed schools

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The heads of top public schools were challenged yesterday to commission proper research to settle the long running dispute about whether girls do better in mixed or single-sex schools.

Mrs Averil Burgess, chairman of the Girls' Schools Association, called on the Headmasters' Conference, which represents the leading public schools, to agree to a joint project.

Her challenge comes in the wake of the publication of headmasters' figures, which claimed to show that girls studying A level physics and chemistry in mixed public school sixth forms did better than those in single-sex schools.

However in mathematics the heads' figures showed that girls in single-sex schools did better. Figures for mixed-sex schools showed girls doing better than boys in physics, level pegging in chemistry and mathematics and worse in further mathematics.

The figures contrast with the association's statistics.

Mrs Burgess, headmistress of South Hampstead High School, said: "It is an entirely false comparison and I have challenged the HMC to work with us to make a valid statistical assessment of the true situation.

"The HMC figures are based on 51 schools with girls in the sixth form. To belong to HMC, schools have to demonstrate that they are strongly academic; GSA membership is totally open."

Mr Derek Fenner, headmaster of Alleyn's School, Dulwich, south London, who published the heads' statistics, welcomed Mrs Burgess's proposal.

"We in the co-educational schools are fed up with being told that we cannot teach girls science and mathematics."

● Distinguished students at the exclusive Cheltenham Ladies' College are to be joined by state pupils for the first time in the school's 135-year history, it was disclosed yesterday. Five local primary school students are to attend the £4,500 a year college under the Government's assisted places scheme.

● Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountancy firm, became the first commercial organization directly sponsoring teaching in state schools yesterday. It is giving £50,000 for three teachers to introduce French to pupils aged five at six primary schools in Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Campaign for Oxford

Student vote favours appeal

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The organizers of the £220 million Campaign for Oxford yesterday expressed relief that students had voted in favour of supporting the appeal.

But it was by a small majority: 46 per cent voted against supporting the campaign to increase the university's funds by tapping private sources.

"We're quite pleased with the result, particularly in view of the unfortunate coincidence of the referendum with the Government's announcement that it intends to introduce student loans", Dr Henry Drucker, director of the fund raising drive, said. A turnout of 6,022 students, represented 60 per cent of the electorate.

Mr Mark Hope, of the Campaign for Public Education, which campaigned for a "no" vote, said he was pleased in spite of the defeat: "At the beginning we expected to get around 30 per cent, so getting 46 per cent is fantastic.

"By campaigning against the appeal we have shown that a lot of students are prepared to defend public education."

Miss Felicity Spector, president of the Oxford University Students' Union, said that the 46 per cent vote against the appeal would give students leverage in discussions about the mechanics of the fund-raising drive.

She said she was concerned that the appeal would flaunt Oxford's "élitist" image and that money might be taken from companies with links to South Africa. "I am pleased we can now work constructively with the appeal".

● Police held back 150 jeering students when Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education, left Exeter University yesterday after giving a lecture on new technology. They were demonstrating against the Government's plans for top-up loans for students.

Meals rise 'an assault on pupils'

By Peter Davenport

The effect of higher charges for school meals in Bradford was condemned yesterday by the Child Poverty Action Group.

Almost 10,000 of the 24,000 children who paid for lunches before this week stopped when a standard 80p charge was introduced on Monday. Prices had been 45p to 60p.

The charity said: "These price increases amount to a terrible assault on Bradford's children which will become evident in the coming months and years as their standards of health and educational attainment decline".

The Conservative-controlled council imposed the increase as it tried to save £5.8 million this year.

In some cases the charges represent an increase of almost 80 per cent. A family with three primary school children would pay £12 pounds a week, instead of £6.75.

Mr Michael Howat, the city council's schools catering manager, said: "We expected a customer reaction but we still believe the meals represent good value for money. We can't base the full impact on just two days information and we will continue to monitor the situation carefully."

Jasper Johns' $10m record

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Only 24 hours after Jasper Johns' record doubled to $7 million at Christie's on Wednesday, it leapt a further $10 million at Sotheby's on Thursday.

His "False Start", a colourful 1959 painting, patches of which are anarchically mislabelled with the stencilled names of other colours, fetched $17 million (£9.4 million).

Records have been broken at a giddy pace all week in the auction rooms, and nowhere more dramatically than in contemporary art.

With his 1962 screenprint, "Marilyn Monroe (Twenty Times)", Andy Warhol's record, for example, tripled to $3.9 million (£2.1 million).

The climax of the sale was 12 paintings – six Impressionist, six contemporary – from the collection of Mr and Mrs Victor W Ganz, friends of John Marion, Sotheby's North America chairman, and accumulated from 1941 onwards until Mr Ganz's death last year. Here, Picasso's record tripled when his "La Cage D'Oiseaux", a bright Cubist painting, fetched £8.4 million.

Robert Rauschenburg's "Rebus", a collage including newsprint, sports photographs, paint and graffiti, fetched £3.4 million.

The buyer was Hans Thulin, the big-spending estate agent who paid Wednesday's record price for Jasper Johns.

Afterwards, Sotheby's staff were waxing lyrical, Mr John Marion describing the sale as "historic".

Although selling for fractions of the American prices, Modern British artists achieved 12 records at Christie's London yesterday.

Counting Sotheby's records on Wednesday, the week's total in this area is now 23. With "The Alcantara Bridge", a richly expressive painting of Toledo, David Bomberg's record at Sotheby's for "Moorish Ronda, Andalusia" was improved by £10,000 . . . by a London dealer who paid £81,400, double the estimate.

C.R.W. Nevinson (1889 to 1946) broke dramatic new ground when his "Punts on the Thames at Henley" – the water a virtuoso exercise in silvery reflection – sold for six times its estimate, at £181,500.

The sale was unusually lively in respect of its vendors. Lord Lovat sold the Nevinson, while Carl Pissarro sold his great uncle Lucien's near-Pointillist "A Sketch at Acton", for £50,600 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000), another record.

Out of 15 paintings by L.S. Lowry, "The Old Middlesbrough Town Hall", at £57,200, had been sent for sale by Max Bygraves.

Scots cash plea for drugs-related Aids

Scotland is seriously underfinanced in its struggle with drugs-related Aids, according to two London-based experts, who say government spending in England is 10 times more per addict.

As a result Scottish drug abusers infected with HIV are seeking help in England.

Dr Gerry Stimson, a researcher at Goldsmiths' College, south-east London, said: "More money is desperately needed in Scotland because more addicts there share needles."

Mike Ashton, editor of the magazine, *Druglink*, which is read by specialists in the field, says Lothian region has been given only £47 per head of funds to fight drugs-related Aids. "But on current estimates the figure for England is more than 10 times higher."

David Liddell, of the Scottish Drugs Forum, said: "The level of funding per head here is much lower than in England. There is a strong case for providing more money for Scotland."

Dr Stimpson said: "I know a hospital in London where the majority of drug-injecting patients with HIV are from Scotland."

In a comment yesterday on government allocation of funds *Druglink* magazine said: "Apparently no account was taken of the exceptional extent of the HIV infection and of the needle-sharing problem among drug misusers in parts of Scotland.

"To the end of June 1988 the UK other than Scotland had reported 632 cases of HIV infection among drug injectors, while Scotland alone had reported 832".

The Scottish Office said: "We have not seen this material but ministers do attach high priority to drug-related HIV. Funding for this is running at £1.4 million this year".

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Guillotine ends marathon Housing Bill

Despite bitter protests from Opposition MPs, the Housing Bill completed its passage through the Commons after the Government had carried a timetable motion curtailing debate on it.

The Bill provides for the establishment of Housing Action Trusts, which are intended to take over run-down housing estates and to improve them.

Debate today was restricted to six hours on Lords amendments to the Housing Bill and to the School Boards (Scotland) Bill, including the timetable motion on both. The guillotine motion was carried by 303 votes to 176 – Government majority, 127.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commons, proposing the motion, said that after eight hours of debate on Wednesday night, only nine groups of amendments had been covered. At that rate of progress, a further 40 hours of debate would have been required to complete the debate.

Mr Frank Dobson, Shadow Leader of the House: Mr Wakeham intends that the House should devote less time to discussing 62 pages affecting the housing of more than five million tenants, than most Conservative MPs would expect their lawyers to devote to discussing buying and selling their own individual homes.

The extraordinary motion resulted from an extraordinary situation. The Government's business managers, with the benefit of a majority of more than 100, at the end of one of the longest parliamentary sessions ever, were trying to get two important Bills through in the final two days.

To guillotine two Bills on the last but one day of the session showed record Government incompetence. This was the first time that a government had guillotined six Bills in one session.

There were 273 Lords amendments to the Housing Bill, which had attracted 43 further Commons amendments. The Government had originally intended that these 273 amendments be debated in less than five hours. That was less than a minute per amendment – a ludicrous proposition. The Bill was extremely important and extremely complicated and required a great deal of time.

It was a landlords' charter which was encouraging property speculators to roam around housing estates trying to identify those they could buy, tart up, and sell. It did nothing to help most people living in public-sector housing or those in private rented accommodation.

"We are convinced that the Bill will create homelessness."

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Dem) said that there was plenty of time before the State Opening of Parliament to debate the Bill. The guillotine was for the Government's convenience.

In its draft regulations on strike ballots the Government said that a simple majority was not enough for a strike. For a school to opt out there needed to be a majority of voters in favour, but for an estate to opt out no one need vote in favour at all.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that at no time had the Opposition artifically delayed the Bill, though implacably opposed to its deeply offensive and irrelevant proposals.

The Bill heralded the return of Rachmanism, harassment, extortion and probably criminal activities into the housing market.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the Bill had had 250 hours spent on it. Opposition MPs had tried to disrupt the proper democratic processes throughout.

It was time to bring the undignified proceedings to an end so that the benefits flowing from the Bill could begin to count.

Turning to the Lords amendments to the Housing Bill, **Mr Ridley** disagreed with one saying that before a HAT could be set up it must be supported in a ballot by a majority of tenants eligible to vote.

He agreed with the Lords that there should be a ballot, but differed on the means by which it should be delivered.

People had been told that estates would probably be sold to private companies whose only interest was in making a profit: that under private landlords rents would soar. None of that was true.

"Landlords will have to demonstrate suitability, viability and a commitment to the long-term provision of rented housing at rents within reach of those in low-paid jobs."

He was bringing forward a proposal that the Government should have power to designate areas as HATs on which to concentrate resources. Up to £192 million would be provided for the next few years.

He wondered if it was wise for Labour MPs to continue to make the financial arrangements for HATs a political football when the interests of those they purported to lead and to seek to help were being jeopardized by their campaign of false information.

Amid Opposition cries of "Blackmail", **Mr Ridley** said that if an estate was in a bad condition but unwilling to accept a housing trust, he would have no alternative "but to return that money to the Treasury".

Dr Cunningham said that it was useless for Mr Ridley to say there was to be no coercion when people were told "unless you do what I want you to do, your housing problems will be left unattended and no money will be available".

The Lords amendment guaranteed ballots. Mr Ridley's amendment left the choice with the Secretary of State.

Mr Ridley: I have quoted it once, I will quote it again: 'No order may be made in respect of that association unless a majority of tenants eligable to vote have approved the proposals by ballot.' It goes on to describe how it is to be done.

I am happy to say that the Electoral Reform Society have agreed to operate the ballot so I am now able to delegate it to them.

The Lords amendment was rejected by 246 votes to 74 – Government majority, 172.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that under a future Labour government tenants of non-resident, private landlords would be given the right to change their landlord. "That means that all the people pushed out into the private sector by this wretched Bill will have a choice to turn that decision around."

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Councils advised to boost reserves in year before poll tax

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

ncils are to be encouraged put money into their re- es to cushion the first few rs of poll tax, it emerged erday.

lthough government of- als denied that is the ntion, the settlement for rate support grant an- nced by Mr Nicholas Rid- Secretary of State for the ironment, will give coun- a marked incentive to put ney into balances and ds to tide them over what ld be a difficult few years hey adjust to the new tax.

he incentive lies in a sharp nge in the financial rules the rate support grant. It mean that in 1989-90 ncils which budget to nd above official targets not be penalized, as in vious years, by grant cuts.

Local authority finance of- als said the result will be t some councils will inflate ir budgets, bump up their es next April, collect their n and so begin the year in ich poll tax is introduced h healthy reserves.

Next April is the last time at councils will be em- wered to levy rates on siness and commerce, and uncils may choose to use the portunity to enhance their venues.

After April 1990 rates on siness — which are not being olished, like household tes — are to be set by Whitehall. In what will be the final year of the old rate support system, the Government estimates that councils in England and Wales will spend just more than £29 billion, and will pay £13.5 billion of grant.

Officials said that entailed a generous 8.5 per cent increase in grant, in line with what was termed a realistic assessment of how much total council spending would go up.

What council's will get next year (£m)

	Proposed spending	Grant
Barnet	145	35
Bradford	280	167
Birmingham	593	241
Bucks	289	15
Camden	137	5
Ilea	940	-
Lambeth	158	104
Lancashire	676	320
Manchester	319	113
Wandsworth	102	78

But the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, which represents councils in London and the cities, said the Government had deliberately underestimated the amount councils were spending now, and so based forward projections on inadequate amounts.

Sir Jack Layden, the association chairman, said: "This is a gift package decked out in splendid wrappings but it adds up to £1 billion less than the authorities need simply to stand still."

The grant is to be shared out to councils in such a way that past high spenders will get less, but there are to be no penalties if their spending in 1989-90 exceeds the government norm.

One result of the grant share-out is extra money for Labour-controlled Birmingham, which nets an additional £23 million, and for Bradford, which gets a £6 million top-up.

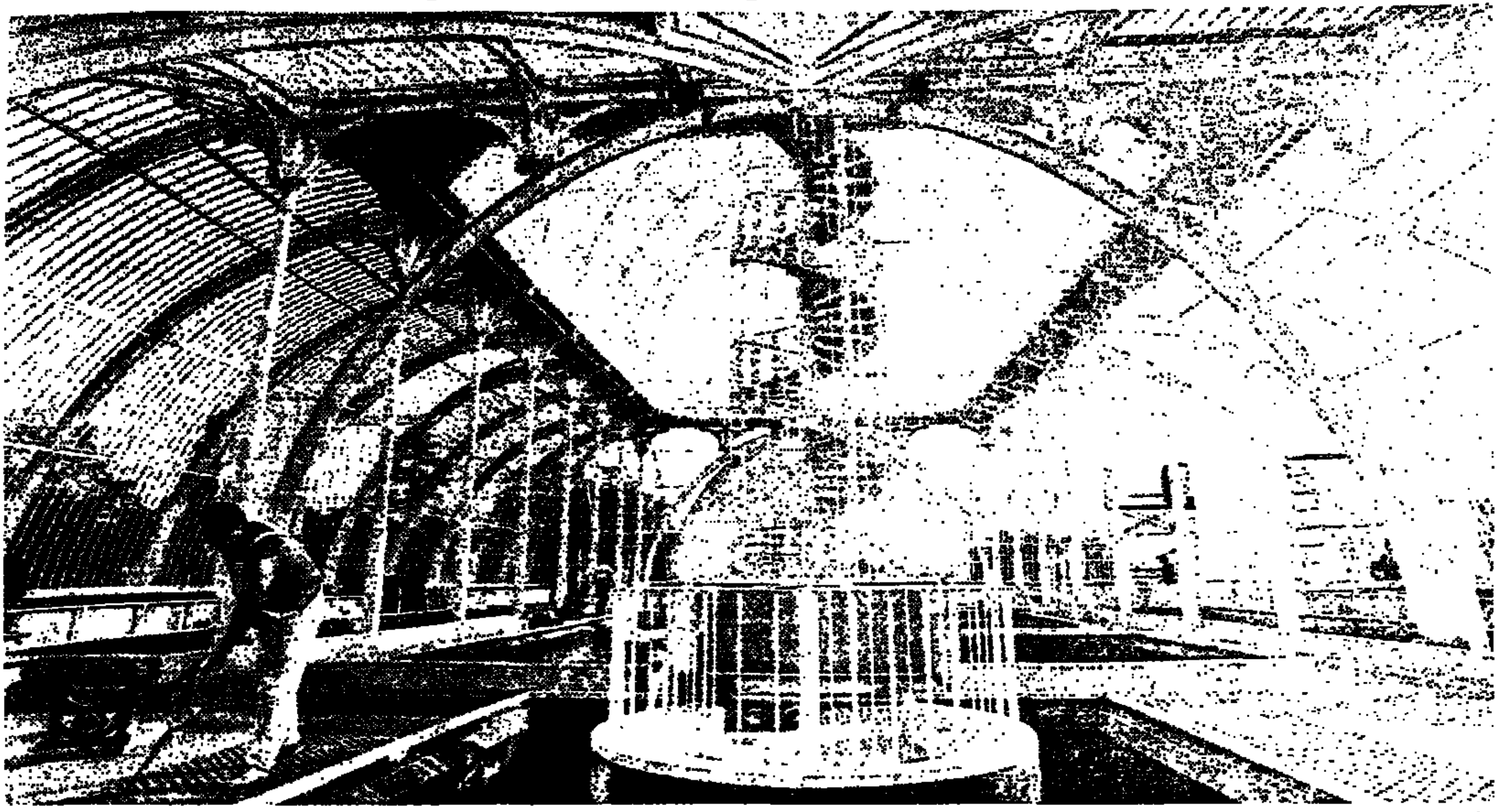
Bradford recently switched from Labour to Conservative control and in the middle of a controversial attempt by Conservatives to cut its budget.

The Government each year calculates what it thinks councils need to spend to maintain their services. This figure is going up 9.8 per cent next. Councils, however, perennially spend more than that: the excess will be at least £570 million.

None the less the Government estimates that if councils followed its broad guidelines on spending there would be no need for rates to rise significantly next year.

More realistic estimates from the councils themselves are that rates will increase by at least the prevailing rate of inflation, which may be higher than the 5 per cent the Treasury says.

Graceful symphony in iron is restored



The magnificently restored wrought iron Palm House at Kew Gardens will be a humid tropical jungle again by summer 1990 (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

By Alan Hamilton

It is probably just as well that, on the night of the great hurricane last year, the magnificent Palm House in Kew Gardens had already been stripped of its 16,000 panes of glass and was standing naked in the wind. Such was its state of decay that the great gust might have reduced it to a tangled *heap of iron*.

But the gale just whistled through its vast skeleton, and left it unscathed. This weekend, at the end of a three-year, £7 million restoration, the grandest glasshouse in Britain reopens to the public for a month.

It will close again in mid-December to allow the botanists of Kew to restock it with tropical trees,

The Palm House, built in three years and opened in 1847, was the ultimate in Victorian high-tech, and far more sophisticated than Sir Joseph Paxton's prefabricated cast-iron Crystal Palace, built for the Great Exhibition four years later. Designed by Decimus Burton, the Palm House was engineered by an exceptionally clever Irishman, Richard Turner.

"It is a very ingenious building, far more sophisicated than anything Norman Foster or Richard Rogers have ever done", according to Mr Peter Riddington, the project architect from the Government's Property Services Agency supervising the restoration.

Wrought iron, alas, rusts, and the project involved replacing ten miles of wrought iron glazing bars which had corroded to the point of instability.

The project should have taken two years, but it has dragged into three. Once they stripped off the old paint, the engineers found the iron framework, 360ft long and 65ft high made out of 5,500 components, much worse than they had feared.

Bits were beginning to fall off. A partial renovation in the 1950s, after post-war suggestions that the whole thing should be pulled down, were not a great success, and are regarded by today's better-informed restorers as the work of an early and inexperienced double-glazing salesman.

Now all 16,000 panes have been replaced by toughened glass, embedded in soft mastic rather than old-fashioned hard putty. Restored, repainted and reglazed, this majestic *and delicate symphony in iron* is ready to withstand all the weather.

It is so graceful that putting trees inside almost spoils it. The architects who worked on it have harboured a secret desire to turn it into a huge lily pond.

Police cut red tape to put men on beat

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

ne of Britain's largest police rces is abolishing unecessary administrative tasks der to put more men on e beat to tackle one of the orst rural violence problems the country.

The Thames Valley force is ming for savings equal to the ork of 462 officers or 45,000 man hours, worth 10 million.

The plans include a radical eform of paperwork and olice station administration with special units being orhed at main police stations o process case papers.

A review of paperwork showed the force had 1,026 different forms. Those are to be reduced to 784.

The plans were devised by Colin Smith, the chief constable, and senior officers in an attempt to put more men on the beat.

In a survey of 36 county forces published earlier this year, Thames Valley had the highest number of cases of serious disorder in 1986.

The force polices more miles of motorway than any other and protects more VIPs than anywhere except London.

Mr Smith said his force also had a very low ratio of officers per head of population with one per 556 residents compared with a county force average of one to 491 and a ratio of one to 259 in London.

The force of 3,576 officers needs more but, like other forces, has difficulty in getting manpower increases from the Home Office.

The chief constable said: "There is a correlation between having more officers and reducing crime. If you put more officers on the streets you do significantly reduce crime. You raise people's consciousness of safety."

In an effort to find those extra officers the force set up a working party to look at how police worked which discovered that a third of their time was spent on administration.

The working party recommendations implemented included ending the duplication of some reports and abandoning some types of records.

The force has also started an experimental administration support unit in one division using a team of 10 officers and 34 other members of staff drawn from the existing workforce. The unit handles all the paperwork of a case after charges as well as all records, warrants, typing and other tasks for the area and its 300 police officers. The units will eventually be set up in all six divisions of the force.

Drunk Tube driver did not know his name

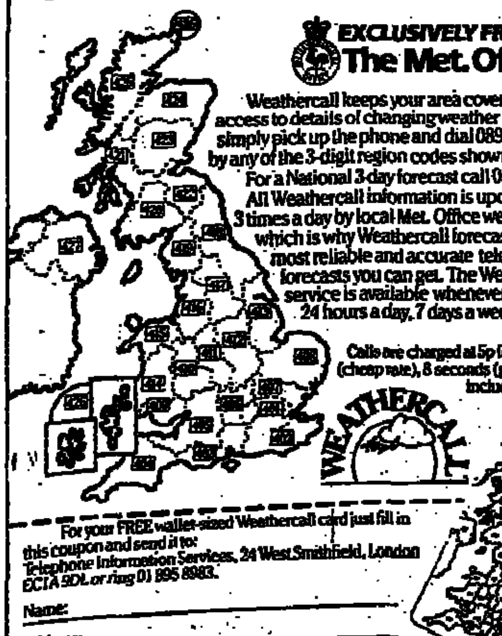
A Tube driver who was so drunk he could not remember his name was given a suspended jail sentence today.

Baldwin Gill, of Mount Avenue, Southall, west London, was seen on December 31 by Mr John Daintree, London Underground area manager, in his train at White City station. Mr Daintree said: "Because Gill's speech was slurred, his eyes glazed and he smelt of alcohol I asked him to leave the train".

British Transport Police Constable Thomas Madden said: "Gill couldn't remember where he had picked his train up from. He was extremely drunk, he couldn't even remember his name."

Gill, dismissed after his arrest, was given an eight-month jail sentence, suspended for 18 months, and fined £1,000 at Knightsbridge Crown Court after being found guilty of endangering passengers' lives.

Gill, who said he had drunk two pints of beer and two shorts, said: "At this time of year when its cold everyone takes a drop before work but they can still drive. I felt tired but fit to drive a train."



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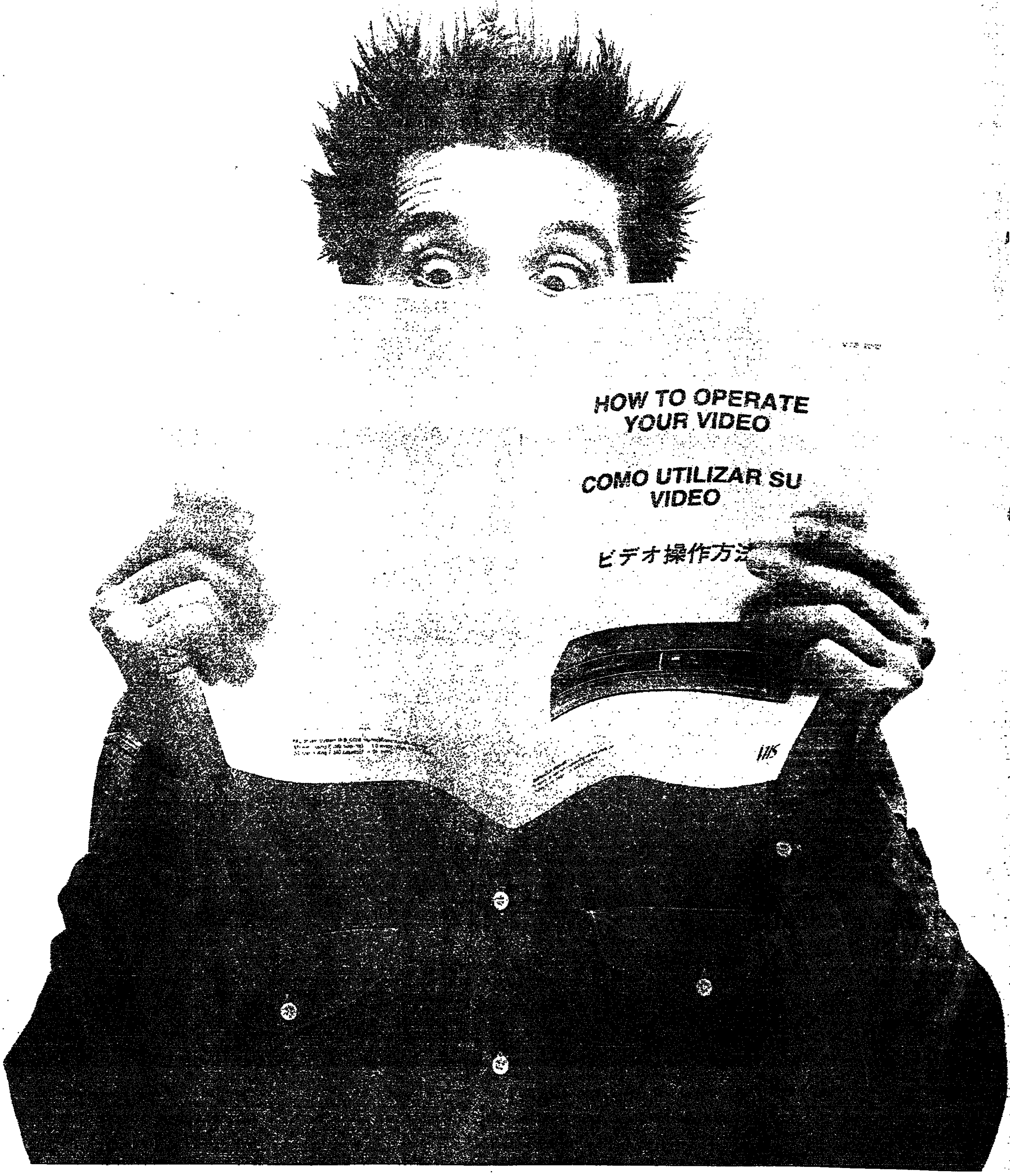

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Democrats' hope of resurrection pinned on Phoenix

From Charles Bremner
New York

The defeat of Mr Michael Dukakis may prove a blessing for the Democratic Party. This view is already making the rounds among party elders as they prepare to purge their bitterness with a bloodbath that may just end by delivering an electable Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1992.

"Party warfare is going to take place sooner or later and it serves no purpose to put it off," Mr Alan Secrest, a leading Democratic consultant, said.

The choice facing the party is whether to turn left and espouse the radical doctrines of the Rev Jesse Jackson, or right towards a conservative stance that runs the risk of vanishing into Reaganism.

Looking beyond the dismaying ineptitude of the Dukakis campaign, the lesson for the party was clear: its standard bearer was unable to offer an attractive alternative to the ideology and values of recent Republican leadership.

Mr Bruce Babbitt, a former contender for the nomination this year and a man with a reputation for plain speaking, said yesterday: 'We've got to quit rationalizing these losses and blaming them on tactical errors.'

The party had to come to terms with the fact that running for president was not the same as running for governor or Congress. "A presidential race is about two issues, peace and prosperity, otherwise known as economics and foreign affairs. That's the core of our problem. We have not laid out a convincing message on those two issues."

Just as the doctrines of the old British Labour Party were rendered obsolete by the successes of the welfare state, the Democratic Party can trace its decline to the achievements of Roosevelt's era of the New Deal, the programmes that healed the wounds of the Depression and helped bring education and a minimum of welfare to the poor and needy.

More so than in Europe, the dominant force in the political landscape is now the middle class, a group with which the vast majority of Americans identify.

Americans are happy to keep electing Democrats to the House of Representatives in Congress, where they win almost certain re-election by providing well for their constituencies. But a Democrat in the White House conjures up an image that seems out of tune with the times. All Mr Bush had to do to win was to portray Mr Dukakis as a typical liberal Democrat.

The Democrats have been putting off the moment of truth. In 1984, they blamed the defeat of Mr Walter Mondale on President Reagan's popularity. This year, there were no excuses. This time they tried to avoid the sectarian label by offering a candidate who stood for value-free, pragmatic "competence" not ideology.

With their old base obliterated in the South, their membership ageing and a string of failures in the White House race, the party must now find a creed to replace the worn-out litany of liberalism.

Mr Paul Kirk, the outgoing National Democratic chairman, believes it would be suicidal for the party to turn left, to the Jackson radicals. A battle is now shaping for the new chairmanship, with Mr Jackson proposing Mr Ron Brown, his convention manager, to replace Mr Kirk.

Party moderates such as Mr Sam Nunn, Mr Kirk and others in what Mr Jackson calls the "Rhett Butler brigade", are nearing the point where they will openly blame Mr Jackson's radical foreign policies and his soak-the-rich views at home for much of the party's woes this year. Until now, the big bogey of racism has led party officials to flinch from direct confrontation.

Pessimists believe the party has become a hostage to the black preacher, who has already announced his run for the 1992 White House. "Jesse Jackson may well stand between the Democrats and presidency for the next 20 years," said Mr Joe Klein, a *New York* magazine commentator.

Experts are predicting a leftward lurch. Losing parties have a habit of reverting to fundamentalism. No one has yet come up with an outline for a moderate post-liberal creed. The pessimists say it may first take a depression or a new threat from abroad to erode trust in Republican-values.

Given that American parties and politics are far less bound to ideology than to individuals, the solution may come in the shape of an individual, as it did for the Republicans in Ronald Reagan.

The Democrats have about two years to find their New Man. Mr William Safire, the conservative columnist, defined their 1992 ideal yesterday: "Give us a man with a record of executive or legislative success, from government or business, who can come up with genuine neo-liberalism — a fresh approach to security with opportunity and privacy — one who is good on the tube and visibly enjoys the arena."

The man at the top of the list as the next election cycle gets under way is Mr Bill Bradley, the popular Governor of New Jersey. Other early favourites for the post include Mr Nunn, Senator Chuck Robb of Virginia and Senator Albert Gore.

Mr Nunn and Mr Robb, who was elected this week after a term as Governor in Virginia, belong to the Democratic Leadership Council. This moderate faction believes that the party must not only move to the right on defence, the main area in which the electorate distrusts the Democrats — but also shift its policies towards the welfare and unemployment payments that largely go to the urban poor and are the source of middle-class resentment. They are supporting plans to make such benefits dependent on a stint of "national service", either in the community or the military.

The first step in the party's struggle for rebirth from the ashes starts next week when the national leaders meet for a post mortem, in the appropriately-named city of Phoenix.

Managua (Reuter) — General Nguyen Giap of Vietnam, who led the defeat of US forces there in 1975, was welcomed to Nicaragua by President Ortega, who said that their countries were united in the fight against US domination. The President said Vietnam's "struggle . . . against the French and Yankee domination . . . also extended to Latin America and the Caribbean".

President's grip tightens as Sri Lanka voting nears

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

Faced with a mounting national crisis organized by the Marxist underground Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna, President Jayewardene last night approved a series of emergency regulations in a bid to halt a slide into anarchy in the run up to next month's presidential elections.

In the most controversial step, the Sri Lankan President re-enacted by special presidential directive, existing regulations allowing the security forces to take possession of bodies and to bury or cremate them without inquests.

This directive was last enacted during riots after the signing of the Indo-Sri Lankan Peace Accord in July last year.

The move follows a declaration earlier this week that demonstrators would be shot on sight. On Thursday the Government's resolve was put to the test during mass protests organized by the JVP, which is trying to overthrow the Government. Police and army units killed at least 15 people, wounding 25 others, at separate demonstrations in the south of the island.

Observers say the new directive is designed to allow the Government to quickly remove the evidence of shootings on the streets and to control information on numbers killed or wounded. In addition it may restrict efforts by the JVP to turn those shot by the security forces into political martyrs.

Further emergency laws signed by the President last night appear to be aimed exclusively at the JVP. It is now a capital offence to issue death threats, or to distribute leaflets critical of the Government — two tactics used extensively by the underground movement.

In an attempt to prevent JVP-organized strikes which have crippled the country in recent weeks, it is now a capital offence to force people to stay away from work.

The JVP has, in the past, successfully closed businesses, shops and even government offices by threatening to kill those who disobeyed strike calls. The new government regulations will leave Sri Lankans in a nasty dilemma.

The final capital offence under the emergency laws — the main body of which has been enforced for 5½ years and is ritually extended by Parliament on a month by month basis — is organizing or joining illegal processions and meetings.

The text of the regulations ends by warning those who doubt the seriousness or determination of the Government to implement them: "These regulations will be strictly enforced in the interests of the welfare of the people of this country."

In other developments yesterday, two ministers resigned from President Jayewardene's Government. The resignations are seen as a protest at the President's failure to stick to an earlier decision to dissolve Parliament.

Mr Shelton Ranaraja, the Deputy Justice Minister, said on Wednesday in Cabinet that the President must dissolve the assembly by today and hold general elections in addition to presidential polls if peace was to be restored. Dr Nissanka Wijeyeratna, the Justice Minister, also resigned but claimed he was doing so for personal reasons.

Party leaders ushering Herr Jenninger through a crowd of journalists to the meeting at which he resigned yesterday.

Man in the News

Kohl's 'Prussian' trouble-shooter

From John England, Bonn

Herr Philipp Jenninger, like his close friend Chancellor Helmut Kohl, is a physical heavyweight. But his four years as President (Speaker) of the Bundestag — effectively West Germany's No. 2 position after the Federal President — are not seen as matching the performance of some of his predecessors.

While an excellent performer as a member of the "Kohl mafia", serving nine years as parliamentary manager of the Christian Democrat and Christian Socialist faction until Herr Kohl became Chancellor in 1982, he was never a great debater.

Herr Kohl made him State Minister in his first Chancellery, a post he left most reluctantly in 1984 when Dr Rainer Barzel, the then Bundestag President, resigned over a party funds affair.

Herr Jenninger inherited several parliamentary management problems, many of which proved too much for him. One of them was a long-running debate over the building of a new chamber.

He exasperated many MPs with a rigid, Prussian-like attitude to suggestions aimed at breathing more life into Parliament, but he also earned the wrath of many fellow-conservatives by his willingness to forge links with the East German *Volkskammer*.

Herr Jenninger, the son of a master book-printer, was born in June, 1932, in Rindelbach, in what is now the state of Baden-Württemberg. He studied law at Tübingen University, and began his political career in Bonn as a personal aide to a State Secretary at the Defence Ministry.

His subsequent moves up the ladder included three years as a political aide to the late Franz Josef Strauss, who was then Finance Minister in the so-called "Big Coalition" of Social Democrats and conservatives. He became a federal MP in 1969, and took up political party management in 1973 just as Herr Kohl was elected chairman of the Christian Democratic Union.

That was when he became Herr Kohl's trouble-shooter; now, to the Chancellor's sorrow, Herr Jenninger has turned into his trouble-bringer for claiming, among other things, in a speech to the Bundestag marking the 50th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* that the Hitler years from 1933 to 1935 were "fascinating"; that the Führer had turned the Treaty of Versailles, which ended the First World War, into a "scrap of paper" and had made Germany into the hegemonic power in Europe.

But the assertion by Herr Jenninger that people found most offensive was that the Jews had presumed a role to which they were not entitled and had perhaps even deserved to be put in their place.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Transplants fail in radiation cases

Stockholm (Reuter) — All but two of 13 people who had bone marrow transplants after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster have died, Dr Angelina Guskova, who leads a Soviet project caring for the radiation victims, told the Swedish newspaper, *Svenska Dagbladet*, yesterday. The disaster in April 1986 killed 31 people and caused radiation sickness in 237 others.

Bone marrow contains the body's immunological protection against disease and transplants were used to treat Chernobyl victims whose immune defences were destroyed by radiation. "Chernobyl has taught us that bone marrow transplants on radiation victims don't have the same effect as on other patients," said Dr Guskova.

Airliners in near miss

Ottawa — Two passenger airliners carrying a total of 281 people narrowly escaped destruction in a near miss over Toronto International Airport on Sunday night, officials disclosed yesterday (John Best writes).

It was the closest near miss in the airport's history. An official investigator said that the planes — a Canadian Airlines Boeing 737 with 90 people on board, and a Wardair Airbus carrying 191 — had come within a third of a mile of one another. Aviation officials said that a disaster was averted by only a few seconds.

New diamond record

Sydney (Reuter) — An Australian mining and oil company said yesterday that a huge uncut diamond recently dug up in Guinea, West Africa, fetched $8.6 million (£4.8 million) this week.

The price of the 181.77 carat stone equalled $47,400 a carat. Believed to be the highest price per carat ever paid for a rough, uncut diamond, Bridge Oil said in a statement. The diamond was sold by tender to a private syndicate that intends to cut and polish the stone. The syndicate's anonymity was a condition of the sale.

Rebels cut power

Rangoon (Reuter) — Ethnic guerrillas have attacked Burma's biggest power station, cutting electricity supplies to Rangoon for more than 24 hours, according to official sources. Three booster transformers were destroyed.

Rangoon Radio said Karen guerrillas hit the Lawpita hydroelectric power station north-west of the capital with two rockets early on Thursday. The attack coincided with efforts by minority groups to take advantage of the military Government's pre-occupation with crushing internal dissent to launch their own strikes from bases near the border.

Peace talks 'too slow'

Geneva — As the third round of Gulf peace talks ended here yesterday, Mr Jan Eliasson, the UN's Special Representative, emphasized the urgency of reaching a settlement (Alan McGregor writes). "We are moving in the direction of peace but we have to go faster," he said, adding that the next round of talks will be next month or January.

The most tangible outcome of the past two weeks of discussions is that Iran and Iraq agreed separately with the International Committee of the Red Cross on repatriation of wounded and sick prisoners.

Pakistan election campaign

Bhutto patriotism attacked

From Anatol Lieven, Multan, Pakistan

With emotions running high in the final days of the Pakistan election campaign, Mian Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of the Punjab, yesterday accused the Bhutto-led Pakistan People's Party in a rally here of being in the pay of the country's enemies, and of being responsible for the loss of Bangladesh in 1971.

The charges were part of the campaign of vilification pursued by the Islamic Democratic Alliance, despite criticism of such tactics by Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, the former Prime Minister and president of the Muslim League, who said he did not want to see the atmosphere embittered.

Earlier Miss Benazir Bhutto addressed what was said to be one of the biggest gatherings ever seen in Rawalpindi. In responding to attacks by the alliance, she adopted much of its chauvinist rhetoric.

She said of the nuclear issue that it was her father who had "given his life" to build the Kahuta nuclear power station, while President Zia had allowed it to become a matter of international knowledge and controversy.

On the issue of patriotism and the PPP's alleged links with India, Miss Bhutto said: "We were the ones who pledged a thousand years war with India so as not to let down the honour and respect of the Pakistani people".

Accusing her opponents of wishing to continue the Zia regime, Mrs Bhutto said that Argentina and Greece had had military governments when they lost in conflicts in the Falklands and over Cyprus.

The frequent references to General Zia in PPP speeches are seen by some analysts as evidence of uncertainty about how to shape party rhetoric now that the dictator is gone. Alliance speakers, for their part, mention him relatively rarely, and his picture is not much in evidence.

A general belief here is that it is now a close race. A hung parliament, with small parties and independent MPs holding the balance, is seen as likely.

The PPP however, retains a definite edge among the urban poor, because of the memory of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's socialist rhetoric.

Partition threat to Lebanon

By Nicholas Beeston

For the first time in 13 years of civil war, the Lebanese state, held together by its Army, civil servants and long-suffering public employees, is under threat of becoming partitioned into separate Christian and Muslim administrations.

The latest constitutional crisis emerged this week when the aged Shia Muslim Defence Minister, Mr Adel Osseiran, suspended the Maronite Christian Army commander, General Michel Aoun, and replaced him with a Sunni Muslim, Major-General Sami Khatib.

The action was taken against General Aoun by the Syrian-backed Muslim Cabinet of the Prime Minister, Dr Salim al-Hoss, in west Beirut because the career soldier had agreed to head a rival Christian interim Cabinet appointed by former President Gemayel when his term ended on September 22.

But since September, when Christian leaders rejected a joint Syrian-American presidential candidate to replace Mr Amin Gemayel, Lebanon's system of government has been seriously undermined by the rival Cabinets.

The country now has no president, two acting prime ministers, with Christian and Muslim Cabinets respectively, an acting speaker of Parliament and two heads of the Army.

"The bureacracy is trying to juggle orders from both governments but unless the leaders overcome their differences soon we will inevitably see the emergence of two administrations, one Christian and one Muslim," one diplomat said.

The first casualty has been the Army which, although segregated into five Christian and five Muslim brigades each comprising some 15,000 men, had managed to keep a semblance of neutrality until General Aoun's appointment to head the interim Cabinet.

"The Ministry of Defence (based in the Christian suburb of Yarze) is still paying salaries to all soldiers," said one Lebanese observer. "But everyone is afraid that they will stop paying the Muslim troops. That is when the real split will happen."

A bureaucratic paralysis has already occurred in the Sûreté General, which acts as a form of interior ministry and among other functions issues passports. No sooner had General Aoun appointed a new director-general, Colonel Nadim Lteif, than the Muslim Government of Dr al-Hoss appointed its own interim director-general, Mr Assad Takch.

Passports signed by Colonel Lteif are not recognized at the airport in west Beirut, and Mr Takch cannot issue his own because he does not have access to his own supply of the documents.

"We now have a state of complete dismemberment," said the grand mufti Sheikh Hassan Khaled, spiritual leader of the Sunnis. "Alas, we cannot even begin to stop it."

Although Lebanon has hardly ever been without one form of constitutional crisis or another since 1975, the current stalemate is potentially more damaging to the future of the state than the years of fighting and upheavals that characterized the war, during which at least a semblance of an administrative infrastructure managed to survive.

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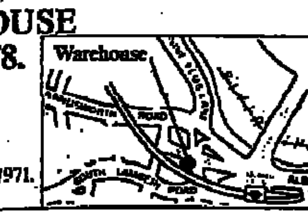

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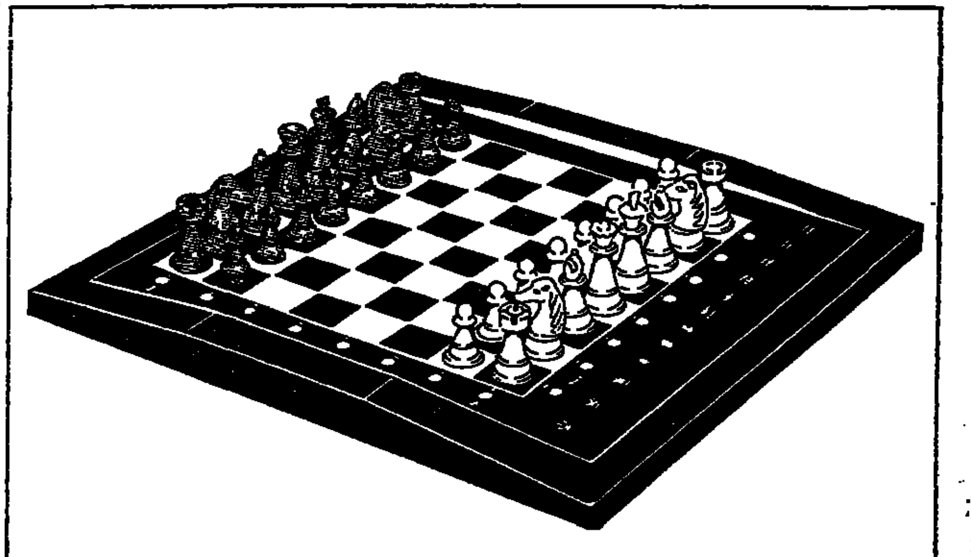

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Palestinians meet in Algiers to declare independent state

Warships and tanks guard council against 'Israeli raid'

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

The Alergian armed forces, supported by a Soviet warship are on maximum alert to protect today's opening session of the Palestine National Council, which Palestinian leaders claim may be a target for Israeli attack because of its intention to declare an independent Palestinian state.

The Club des Pins, the rundown, Soviet-style holiday resort outside Algiers where the four-day session of the "parliament in exile" will take place, yesterday resembled an army camp with ground-to-air missiles, tanks, an Algerian missile cruiser, radar-guided and camouflaged anti-aircraft batteries and dozens of armoured vehicles in place to defend the 453 delegates.

Scores of military tents were put up to house the hundreds of Algerian troops drafted in for the huge security operation.

The nervousness of the Algerian soldiers and the Palestinian bodyguards carrying machine guns indicated that the prospect of an Israeli attack was being taken seriously. Less frequently mentioned was that the meeting is also a target for Palestinian radicals opposed to the PLO's moves towards moderation.

Backing up security on land, a Soviet naval ship was moored in the main port of Algiers. According to diplomats, it is intended to be a deterrent against attack by sea or air.

Details of the alleged Israeli plans to disrupt the long-awaited meeting were given to a small group of reporters by Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, the chief PLO spokesman, at the closely guarded villa which is his temporary headquarters.

"We have had hard information, not just an indication, that Israeli 'hit squads' have been despatched to Europe and North Africa with orders to try and assassinate Mr Arafat and other members of our leadership," he said.

Mr Abu Sharif, a former hardliner now in the vanguard of the campaign for coexistence with Israel, said that, on October 20, Israeli leaders sanctioned two generals "to proceed with operations against us without reference back to the Government".

*He hinted that the leader*ship had indirectly received details of the alleged Israeli plot from the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

He said this resulted from the fact that elements inside the Reagan Administration had given a "clear signal" that they favoured the PLO's switch to a more pragmatic stance on Israel's existence.

"The Israelis believe that by eliminating our leadership, they can prevent the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, but that is an illusion," Mr Abu Sharif said. "The Palestinians will keep up their resistance in the occupied lands and at the same time press on with our new drive for peace talks with Israel. Today we are on the alert, but I deny we are afraid."

The threat of aerial and seaborne attack, real or imagined, has increased the sense of occasion surrouding today's meeting, which has been postponed at least three times as the PLO leadership struggled to prevent the organization being torn apart by the plan to adopt what amounts to an implicit recognition of Israel.

To add to the unreal atmosphere here, the first official message of welcome *(delivered by hand to Mr Abu* Sharif yesterday by a US correspondent based in Jerusalem) came from the ultra-Orthodox Jewish Neturei Karta sect, which believes that there should be no state of Israel until the coming of the Messiah.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israeli Prime Minister and Likud chief, meeting a leader of the Shas party, Rabbi Itzhak Peretz, in Jerusalem yesterday as talks to form a government continued.

● **JERUSALEM:** Israel imposed an indefinite curfew on the 635,000 Arab residents of the Gaza Strip yesterday and deployed troops throughout *the occupied territories to* prevent demonstrations called by the underground leadership of the Palestinian uprising to mark the opening of the Palestine National Council meeting (Ian Murray writes).

During the day, troops also sealed the West Bank, stopping Arabs from leaving and allowing only settlers to enter. Additional men for some days have been deployed progressively throughout the territories to forestall trouble.

Schools and public buildings have been commandeered as bases and to provide extra space for prisoners. Dozens of activists have already been rounded up, and youths have been ordered to remove graffiti urging support for the national council and the *intifada*, or uprising.

Palestinians are nevertheless still preparing street parties in the camps, villages and towns to celebrate the declaration of an independent Palestine.

Red, white, green and black flags have been hidden away ready for hoisting when the declaration is made, and every firework in the shops appears to have been sold.

Crucial test for Arafat's new optimistic mood

From Christopher Walker, Algiers

Mr Yassir Arafat, the peripatetic leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization and master of verbal ambiguity, has in recent months taken to telling visitors that the bitter, 40-year-long struggle by the Palestinians for their own homeland is now "in the last quarter-hour".

A crucial test for his new-found optimism will start here today when the Palestine National Council begins its extraordinary session.

The session, which has been preceded by months of unseemly public wrangling, assassination threats, impassioned arguments in half a dozen Arab capitals and only the occasional glimmer of hope of a way towards a solution of the Middle East problem, is due to approve plans to declare an independent Palestinian state.

Although at this stage little more than symbolic, the decision to declare a state claiming legitimacy from United Nations Resolution 181, which in 1947 recommended the partition of British-held Palestine between Arabs and Jews, is seen by many in the movement as containing implicit recognition of Israel.

In an effort to preserve some semblance of unity, PLO officials say that a decision to set up a government-in-exile (along the lines of that declared by the Algerian revolutionaries in 1958) is likely to be agreed in principle, with the composition and actual appointments deferred.

"The purpose of such a body would be to take part in a Middle East peace conference on our behalf," a PLO member said. "But there is much disagreement over its composition."

Outside interest is being focused on the political declaration which will accompany the proclamation of a state and which will provide the key to the extent to which the PLO is willing to coexist with Israel, and in that way open doors to winning international recognition.

The catalyst for the rethink was Jordan's historic decision of July 31 to sever ties with the West Bank, which was ruled by the Hashemite monarchy from 1950 to 1967.

"I know exactly what most Western governments, especially the US, want them to do, but I have no idea if they are yet mature enough to do it," said one diplomat with long experience of Middle Eastern complexities. "They must renounce violence, declare their willingness to accept UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and acknowledge Israel's right to exist. They must dispel once and for all the belief that they want to drive the Israelis into the sea."

To outsiders the debate which has preceded the meeting might seem self-indulgent and esoteric (it often turns on the placing of a comma, or other grammatical niceties), but it has been of burning importance to the Palestinians, an increasing number of whom believe that the PLO is at last preparing to grasp the nettle it has avoided for 24 years: The right of Israel to exist as a state within the boundaries it enjoyed before the 1967 war.

While many diplomats accept as axiomatic that the PLO must take such a step before the US can ever hope to get Israel to the negotiating table (not even then likely to be an easy task), Palestinian opponents to such a move adopt different approaches.

The most basic comes from commanders like Mr Abu Musa, head of the Syrian-led Fatah dissidents who broke away from the mainstream PLO in 1983.

"We believe," he says, "that Arafat will be giving away the last card in his hands, the recognition of Israel, and will not gain anything in return."

More philosophical and eloquent are people like the talented Palestinian poet Mr Mahmoav Darwish, who angrily reject demands from the West that the PLO transforms itself and abandons its rejectionist charter.

"Why are we always told that we cannot solve our problem without solving the existential anxiety of the Israelis and their supporters who have ignored our very existence for decades in our own homeland?".

It is precisely because moves towards moderation are so fervently opposed by Palestinian radicals and their main backers, Syria and Libya, that much of the blanket security in force in Algiers is there to protect participants from attack by their own Arab brothers rather than by Israelis (who are alleged by the PLO leadership to be planning attacks to sabotage the meeting).

Whatever the final outcome, the world will have to wait many years before the gun in the Middle East is replaced by the olive branch. Western intelligence officials fear that if the PNC does plump for unambiguous moderation, Palestinian extremists led by the Abu Nidal group will begin a campaign of terror against Israeli and Western targets to try to ensure that any such decision is discredited.

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Tokyo's Middle East policy

Bid for peace role presents dilemma

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The Palestine Liberation Organization's second-in-command and has left Tokyo without the blessing he was seeking for the independent Palestinian state that the PLO is expected to declare on Monday.

The five-day visit this week by Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, who is head of the PLO's political section and regarded as deputy to Mr Yassir Arafat in the PLO's power structure, did little to clarify Japan's muddy ambitions as a player in the Middle East peace process.

Mr Kaddoumi did make clear, however, that the PLO ranks Japan — which tried to temper its heavily pro-Arab stance in June by despatching its Foreign Minister on an unprecedented trip to Israel — as a friend and that "all friends (of Palestinians) will support a Palestinian state".

Japan's hazy pronouncements about where it fits into the Middle East jigsaw are instructive, not just for what they might mean for its long-standing relations with the PLO.

Even this summer's trip to Israel by Mr Sousuke Uno, the Foreign Minister, was touted as different things to different audiences. Outraged Arab ambassadors in Tokyo were promised that the visit "by no means signals a change" in Japan's Middle East policy. Elsewhere, Japanese Foreign Ministry officials hailed the trip as "a dramatic expression" of Japan's intention to play a greater role in settling disputes in the Middle East.

The blur betrays something of Japan's struggle to cope with the shift from a foreign policy traditionally tailored by economics — Japan imports two-thirds of its oil from Arab nations and largely honours the Arab boycott of Israel — to one which hangs more suitably on the shoulders of a nation that wants to share the burdens of being an international superpower.

Japan is also being nudged along by the United States. Washington has been openly criticizing Japan's stance towards Israel, demanding an increase in Japan's trade with Israel and objecting to the publication and popularity of a couple of anti-Semitic books that appeared in Japan last year.

The circumstances of Mr Kaddoumi's visit are seen as important by Israeli diplomats here, too.

The PLO official's trip included talks with the Japanese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and came just a few days before the crucial meeting in Algiers of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's policy-making body.

Israeli diplomats in Tokyo say that Mr Kaddoumi's willingness to make the visit to Japan — his first in 12 years — just a few days before such a key meeting, when there must be much on his plate, reflects a desperation to find a leading nation that will recognize a Palestinian state.

Mr Farouk Kaddoumi: *Did not get Japan's blessing.*

Mr Kaddoumi says he did not ask for Japan's blessing and was not told whether Tokyo would give it or not. Mr Yoshifumi Matsuda, the spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry, *said:* "We will have to wait for a declaration before giving our views."

While well short of a blessing, even this statement is more mealy-mouthed than what would have been offered in Washington or London, say analysts in Tokyo. The contrast underlines Japan's dilemma in the Middle East.

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Czech police raid seminar as Western guests watch

By Our Foreign Staff

Czechoslovak police continued to crack down on human rights initiatives yesterday, breaking up an independent meeting attended by prominent Western academics and human rights activists and seizing its chairman, the playwright Vaclav Havel, moments after the seminar began.

Fifteen guests from the United States, Britain, France and six other West European countries gathered in a Prague hotel's restaurant for the seminar entitled "Czecholovakia 88" and due to examine the Czechoslovakia's 20th-century history.

Police rounded up more than 20 leading human rights activists who had planned to attend the symposium but Mr Havel managed to evade detention until the meeting began.

Miss Sally Laird, editor of the London-based magazine *Index on Censorship*, photographed three plainclothes officers as they took Mr Havel away, but said they had later confiscated the film from her camera.

Mr Martin Palous, a member of Czecholovakia's Charter 77 Human Rights Movement, was present when the meeting began but disappeared after police entered the room.

A burly woman who said she was "a hotel employee in charge of keeping order" then distributed envelopes to foreign participants. It contained an unsigned note saying the seminar "is illegal and its performance would be contrary to the interests of the Czechoslovak working people . . . Your efforts to take part in this action would be considered as a manifestation of hostility to Czechoslovakia and in virtue of this we should have to draw relevant consequences against your person."

The note was written in English, German, Italian and French.

Participants nonetheless vowed to continue the seminar which is scheduled to run through the weekend along with a similar conference in Vienna for Westerners who had been invited to Prague but who were denied entry visas to Czechoslovakia.

Austrian and West German television crews filmed the scene but were warned by police to leave the area.

Mr Timothy Garton Ash, an Oxford University historian who is also an editor of *The Spectator* magazine, urged fellow seminar participants to carry on regardless. "We deplore the fact that the Czechoslovak participants have been arrested but Havel declared the seminar open and we wish to continue," Mr Garton Ash said.

Western delegates issued a statement deploring the detention of their Czechoslovak host and saying the continuation of the symposium was "entirely legitimate. The destruction of this meeting is a blatant violation of the Helsinki Final Act".

The statement added that the delegates would protest to the Czechoslovak Government and inform all 35 delegations attending the Vienna Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

One Western source said the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister had sent a message to the Austrian ambassador in Prague warning of "serious consequences" in bilateral relations if any Austrians attended the illegal seminar. One, a Vienna city councillor, Herr Erhard Busek, was due to arrive in Prague later yesterday to attend the seminar.

Police began rounding up dissidents, including the Charter 77 activists Mr Jiri Ruml, Mr Vaclav Benda, Mr Ladislav Lis and Mr Milos Hajek, on Wednesday.

By yesterday morning, however, dissident sources said police had freed Mr Petr Uhl, Mr Jiri Dienstbier and the former Foreign Minister, Mr Jiri Hajek. None were at the seminar.

Mr Dienstbier, after his release, said the round-up was part of an increasingly aggressive crack-down on dissent by the authorities. "They wish to prevent the success of any independent activity of any kind. Seminars of this kind are now normal in Poland, Hungary and even the Soviet Union," he said.

Other Westerners who attended the symposium included the former Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr Max van der Stoel, Mr Gerald Nagler, executive director of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, M Pierre Hassner, a professor at the Fondation National de Sciences Politiques in Paris, and Mr Sanford Unger, Dean of the School of Communication at the American University in Washington DC.

Czechoslovak authorities denied visas to several people seeking to attend, including the publisher of the West German newspaper *Die Zeit*, Countess Marion Doenhoff, and the Dean of Copenhagen University, Mr Ove Nathan, who has been twice received by President Gorbachov.

The American writer Kurt Vonnegut received a visa but decided not to travel to Czechoslovakia, according to Mr Ungar.

The seminar's break-up followed an attack by police on 5,000 Czechoslovaks gathered in Wenceslas Square to commemorate the 70th anniversary of their country's independence on October 28.

Chalker visits scene of Botswana attack

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, right, surveying the damage being pointed out by Dr Gaositwe Chiepe, the Botswana Foreign Minister, in the shell of a house raided by South African commandos in Gaborone.

Mrs Chalker said yesterday that South Africa was gradually changing its policy towards its neighbours but the shift was still insufficient (Reuter reports from Gaborone).

She said before leaving for Pretoria to chair a meeting of British ambassadors that the Pretoria Government had to begin a dialogue with the black majority at home, adding that there would be no real peace until apartheid had ended.

South Africa has repeatedly accused Botswana of allowing guerrillas of the African National Congress to use its territory, a charge Botswana has denied.

Dubcek attacks Prague leaders

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Mr Alexander Dubcek, aged 67, on the eve of his first visit to the West since the ill-fated "Prague Spring" of 1968, yesterday denounced the current Czechoslovakian leadership for falsifying history, stifling independent thought and for persecuting hundreds of thousands of former party activists.

The deposed party leader, speaking in a rare interview given to the Italian news agency, Ansa, in Prague, also emphasized his support for President Gorbachov.

Unless the Czechoslovak authorities stop him at the last minute, he is expected to arrive in Italy today to accept an honorary degree in political science from the University of Bologna.

Eastern bloc countries have recently been allowing some of their most uncomfortable figures — such as the Soviet dissident Dr Andrei Sakharov, who is visiting the United States — to travel abroad. But the crackdown on a dissident seminar in Prague over the last two days does not augur well for Mr Dubcek.

At the very least he expects a propaganda onslaught — "they will make me pay dear for this trip to Italy" — when he returns. "I, and people like me, are always a target for official propaganda and we have no public legal defence available to protect ourselves . . . These defrauding attacks on us have reached a head this year, the 20th anniversary of the Prague Spring."

After the Soviet invasion, he said, "the (Communist) Party, the Government and the entire country was deprived of their right to look for their own road of development". The result, he added, had been two decades of political torpor.

"And now the answer to a 20-year stagnation of socialism has come to us in the form of Gorbachov's renewal, summed up under the label *perestroika*."

The former Czech leader gained unusual support from the Soviet Ambassador to Rome, Mr Nikolai Lunkov, who publicly related the Prague reforms to those of Mr Gorbachov.

Mr Dubcek has indicated that he will be cautious in his statements in Italy for fear of being barred from returning to Czechoslovakia, where he worked as a forester until his recent retirement.

But he has made plain that he will speak out for those still persecuted in Czechoslovakia. "I wish that the 468,000 communists expelled from the party, the persecuted, the militant unionists, the youth movement and all those who have been left with no party to sustain our renewal could be with me in Italy," he said.

Unrest in Kosovo

Serbs begin a fresh wave of protests

Belgrade (Reuter) — A meeting of the Central Committee in Yugoslavia's troubled Kosovo province, at which two local Communist Party leaders were expected to resign, has been postponed, Belgrade Radio reported.

The radio said the authorities had decided that more preparatory work was necessary before the meeting, scheduled for yesterday, could be held. It said a new date would be fixed later.

Serbian protesters have accused the two Kosovo party leaders — Mr Kakusa Jasari and Mr Azem Vlasi, members of the ruling Politburo — of doing nothing to stop alleged harassment of Serbs and Montenegrins by the ethnic Albanian majority.

Before the meeting was cancelled, a political source said the resignations would not mean a great deal unless they signalled the start of a much deeper and broader purge in Kosovo, where ethnic tension between Serbs and Albanians is mounting.

There has been a brief respite after months of social turmoil in Yugoslavia. But on Thursday, Serbian militants announced a protest rally against Albanian nationalism, in Belgrade on November 19, which they said would attract up to one million people.

Activists in Slovenia, the country's most Westernized region, announced a rally on the same day to protest against constitutional reforms which would cut regional autonomy and to demand a referendum on the reforms.

Serbia is pressing for control of Kosovo's territorial defence, police, judiciary and foreign relations to enable it to suppress Albanian nationalism.

Workers demonstrated outside Parliament on Thursday about low pay and an inflation rate of 236 per cent. They ended their protest when they were promised a pay review.

The chief of the Belgrade Communist Party, Mr Rados Smiljkovic, said firms must be freed from the high interest rates and taxes which were devouring workers' incomes.

"There will be worker discontent until these basic questions are resolved," Mr Smiljkovic said.

Mr Oskar Kovac, a government minister and economic specialist, told journalists that a fresh wave of strikes would not pose a threat to the main economic reforms which Yugoslavia plans to introduce next year.

The reforms are aimed at increasing the influence of market forces and inviting foreign investment.

China keeps dissident writer in solitary cell for six years

Peking (Reuter) — One of China's prominent political prisoners has been kept in solitary confinement for six years and refuses to confess in full his "counter-revolutionary crimes", a Peking police chief said yesterday.

"Xu Wenli is here but you cannot see him," Governor Xing Zhonghe said in a rare interview after warders gave a guided tour around Peking Number One Prison.

Surrounded by a high wall topped with a 3,300-volt electric fence, the prison is home to 2,000 long-stay criminals and "over 30" political prisoners in a special wing.

"Xu committed counter-revolutionary crimes," said Colonel Xing. "You understand it as 'political crimes' but we call them counter-revolutionary."

The governor confirmed for the first time that Xu, aged 43, an electrician who played a leading role in China's short-lived Democracy Movement, had been kept in solitary confinement since he was jailed for 15 years in 1982.

"His crimes were very serious," Colonel Xing said. "He's in a cell for one to provide him with a quiet atmosphere to study."

Xu edited an unofficial journal, *April Fifth Forum*, after the authorities relaxed their grip on free speech in November, 1978, encouraging China's intellectuals to express their views on political reform. Posters appeared on a wall in central Peking — soon known as Democracy Wall — and lively debates attracted hundreds at weekends. But late in 1979, the wall was "closed", the posters were torn down, and unofficial newspapers banned. Arrests followed.

Xu was tolerated for a while as a moderate voice of dissent and became well known to foreign reporters in Peking. Although he espoused democracy he always called himself a socialist. But the authorities' patience finally ran out and he was arrested in April 1981, along with a fellow editor, Yang Qing.

In a letter smuggled out of prison in 1985, Xu wrote about waiting for trial in the Banbuqiao detention centre:

"Although they would not use violence against me, within the prison buildings the sounds of beatings and cursings and electrical assaults being carried out were commonplace. Some people had already assumed an obviously broken-down demeanour and I greatly feared being consumed by the place, being dragged down and broken. For my wife's and child's sake, I must on no account break down here."

In his colonel's uniform and smoking a cigarette, the governor said prisoners were encouraged through work, study and humane treatment to confess the severity of their crimes and prepare for a better future "after getting out". Good prisoners were rewarded with shorter sentences, bad ones punished with a week's solitary confinement.

However, Xu is not allowed to work with other prisoners and spends most of his time studying newspapers, theoretical books and articles by the paramount leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, and the Communist Party General Secretary, Mr Zhao Ziyang.

"He did not confess well but that is not to say he did not confess at all," said Colonel Xing. The governor said Xu was getting fat and his health was good. He was allowed some contact with other prisoners. His wife visited him occasionally.

But a former prisoner said that he had never seen Xu although they had shared the same wing for several years. "They were afraid of his influence on other prisoners," he said of the authorities.

Peking (Reuter) — Half a million people are homeless in the aftermath of south-west China's devastating earthquake, a spokesman for the Yunnan Province Civil Affairs Bureau said yesterday. He said 717 bodies had been recovered from the earthquake zone. Nearly 3,000 people were seriously injured.

Two union chiefs shot in Mexico

Macuspana, Mexico (AFP) — Two trade union leaders were shot dead on Thursday while driving near Macuspana, in the oil-rich state of Tabasco. The killings came a day after state and local elections.

The victims were Señor Lenin Falcon Mendez, a former mayor of Macuspana, and Señor Antonio Arcos Correa. Both were leaders of unions affiliated to Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, which the opposition accuses of electoral fraud.

Soldiers die

Bangkok (AFP) — Sixteen Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 25 wounded last month when their train hit a Khmer Rouge land-mine in western Cambodia, the guerrilla's radio said.

Bitter sweets

Metz, France (AFP) — Four people have been charged in Nancy, eastern France, with trying to extort four million francs (about £330,000) from a Swiss-German manufacturer of chocolates by threatening to poison its products.

On its uppers

Sydney — Army supplies are so low in Australia that soldiers are forced to buy their own boots and uniforms and morale is so poor that 10,000 personnel quit last year, a parliamentary committee found.

Wolf statute

Lisbon (Reuter) — Portugal's once common wolves, now estimated to number only 200, have been protected by a law imposing heavy fines on anyone harming them.

Sudan deaths

Khartoum (Reuter) — At least 150 people were killed in a clash, part of a continuing dispute over grazing land, between rival Arab tribesmen and native Furs in west Sudan's Darfur region.

Laos delay

Bangkok (AFP) — Laos has asked for a postponement of talks with Thailand on a Thai proposal to set up a joint committee to settle a border dispute and other problems.

Amnesty deal

Paris (AFP) — About 60 Melanesians fighting for independence in New Caledonia should be freed early next week under an amnesty approved by the recent referendum on the territory's future.

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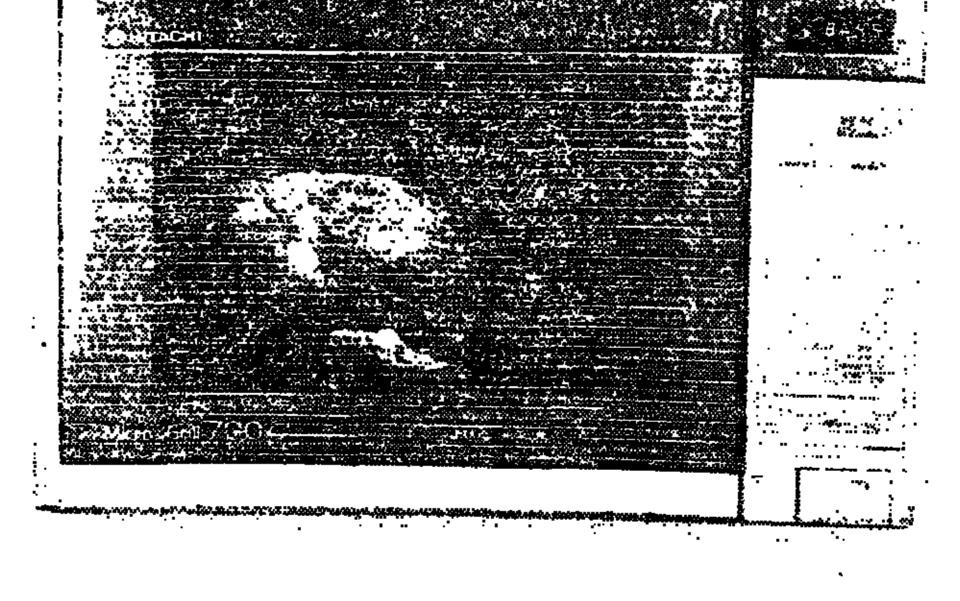

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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

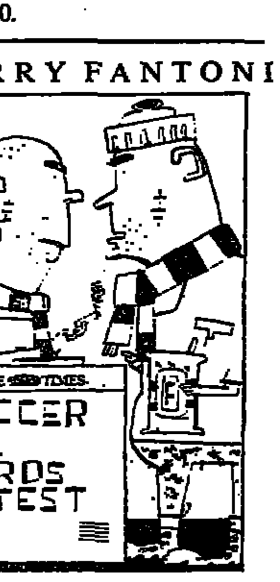
I have received a cable from the Governor of the Cayman Islands, His Excellency Alan Scott. It appears that His Excellency was much moved by a piece in this space last week, in which I touched on the plight of Tonbridge football club. You may recall that the Beazer Homes League giants were seeking sponsors at £3 a time for slabs of concrete to lay on the boggy path between turnstile and grandstand. They wanted 200 sponsors and had 20, all "the same old faces," bar one who wished to commemorate a dog that had died. His Excellency, on reading this, at once sent a cheque for £3 to Tonbridge in memory of a dog called Raffles, who used to lighten the lives of those in Government House. He hoped that by this means Raffles, an extremely overweight poodle, would achieve immortality. He expressed the additional hope that other dog lovers would rally to Tonbridge's cause. As this column moved His Excellency, so His Excellency moved me. I have sent £3 to Tonbridge in memory of the great Duff, a dog around whom family folklore is built. Anyone who is also stirred by this tale and His Excellency's response to it may care to know that Tonbridge FC live at Longmead Stadium, Darrenth Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN10 3JW.

Elane Sillins asked that when she died her ashes should be scattered on third base at Baltimore Memorial Stadium, home of the Baltimore Orioles. She died recently, but her ashes, as yet, know no peace. Those in charge just can't bring themselves to do it. The Orioles often hear from people who want to get married in the stadium, and always turn them down. This is the first time they have had a request about the last mortal remains of a loyal supporter, and they are not overly happy about it.

The greatest mystery of the summer is why Jonathan Agnew was not picked for England. He took 101 wickets in the 1987 season, and 90 this season — a heady total, but one which still disappointed him. The theory that he takes cheap wickets on wickets prepared especially for seam bowlers, and therefore doesn't merit selection, is exploded by the selectors' obsession with de Freitas, Agnew's colleague at Leicestershire, who stormed off to Lancashire in the close season. Agnew is not as other cricketers are: he has just written a book. I mean written — every word, with his own fingers. It is a diary of the season just ended, called *8 Days a Week*. It is full of insight, but absolutely no indication of the reasons that might explain his non-selection in a season in which just about everybody else in the country played for England — most of them as captain.

Africa is a continent where football is loved, where — many believe — football's future is to be found. I hope this is true, but a Nigerian team had a dreadful time here recently. The team, a selection of players from Lagos, went to Dog Kennel Hill to play Dulwich Hamlet Reserves. They lost 28-0.

BARRY FANTONI



'Frankly, I wouldn't want to belong to a club who'd have me as a member'

Here's Roy Hattersley, deputy leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, on the football membership scheme: "It simply will not work. It could only have been invented by ministers and civil servants who have never queued up at a turnstile or stood on a terrace." I admit it does look very much like that. But as a point of information, the sports division of the Department of the Environment, which drew up the report on which the scheme is based, includes a supporters' club representative on the board at Fulham; members of the supporters' clubs at Aldershot and West Ham: two season ticket-holders at Spurs: and a Millwall supporter. All this doesn't actually guarantee the success of the scheme — but these men have certainly queued. Though probably the Aldershot supporter has not queued for long.

The great Pelé has launched two new enterprises. One is a book, *Death at the World Cup*, written with an American writer. It involves the (fictional) murder of a hated South American club president at the World Cup final at Brooklyn Stadium. Pelé, rather bafflingly, says he hopes the book will spread the gospel of football in America, "especially among women and elderly people". He is also opening a restaurant in Sutton Place, New York. Incidentally, Pelé says there is lots of footballing talent in the States, and all they need to make a credible national team is a top manager. The buzz is that the man they want is Franz Beckenbauer, the manager of West Germany, who is likely to be offered colossal sums to lead Team America into the 1994 World Cup, which will be held in the United States.

A soccer referee in Colombia, Armando Perez, has been kidnapped, and was later released so that he might give his colleagues the following message: any referee responsible for bending a match *will* henceforth be killed. It is reckoned that of the 15 senior clubs in Colombia, seven are controlled by the drugs trade. Colombian football involves endless betting and match-fixing, with an estimated £1.25 million hanging on any one game.

Ian McIntyre considers the consequences for the two big parties

Govan's seismic shock

The pubs were doing good business in Glasgow yesterday, and the adrenalin was flowing just as fast as the beer and the whisky. A Nationalist victory always causes more excitement in Scotland than most people are prepared to admit.

The Labour majority in Govan had seemed as solid as the rock of Stirling Castle. The extent to which the SNP had sapped it began to be apparent only in the last few days of the campaign. The two major parties, though for entirely different sorts of reasons, are both severely shell-shocked. Scotland has moved to a high place on the British national agenda and will certainly now stay there until the next election.

If political parties were sensible they would postpone by-election post-mortems *until* the rubble had been cleared and everyone had made up their sleep, but it will not be like that. The discussions, therefore, will in the main be conducted between zombies, and in the case of Labour, they will be marked by acrimony.

The word humiliation tends to be over-used on such occasions. The political arithmetic in Scotland is only marginally varied by Jim Sillars's victory. It is rather that the Labour Party in Scotland has been made to look one part silly and three parts ineffectual. Gordon Wilson, the lugubrious solicitor who is the chairman of the Nationalists, does not normally have his audiences rolling in the aisles, but his sardonic jibes about Labour — "the Feeble Fifty have been reduced to the Frightened Forty-nine" — have been finding their mark.

The Labour candidate, Bob Gillespie, will be taken apart, but that will not get the argument much forward. The Scottish Labour Party has won many victories with candidates no better in the past.

What is incontestable is that in Jim Sillars, the Nationalists fielded an exceptionally able candidate. His victory is galling for Labour in about five different ways simultaneously. For a start, he was Labour MP for South Ayrshire throughout the 1970s — when, ironically, he was known as "The Hammer of the Nats" — and before that was a Scottish Labour Party agent, a calling which equips a man for political life in a way equalled only by Tammany Hall or the SAS.

To add insult to injury, he is married to Margo MacDonald, at one time Scotland's best-looking barmaid, and, as it happens, the SNP candidate who trounced Labour in this very seat 15 years ago.

There will be renewed murmurings among Labour supporters in Scotland about Neil Kinnock's leadership. There were times in recent weeks when Govan seemed less a by-election campaign than a referendum on the poll tax. One of Labour's Scottish shadow team, John Home Robertson, has gone against party policy on the issue, and taken the Nationalist line of advocating breaking the law. Kinnock would undoubtedly have been in deep trouble nationally if he had not exerted his authority and disciplined Robertson. How clever it was to sack him in the week of the by-election when that issue was clearly piling up the votes for the SNP will be hotly debated.

There is a more general reason why the defeat could spell trouble for Kinnock. The Scottish Labour Party has been in bullish form since the general election, but only partly because it won 50 of the Scottish seats. Much more important is the fact that the Scottish members now carry much more clout at Westminster than they used to, both in terms of intellect and personality.

The Labour contingent from the land of Calvin and oatcakes is no longer made up solely of grim-faced dominies who never go into the bars and bun-faced trade unionists who never leave the tea room. These things are all relative, but in the likes of John Smith and Robin Cook, Westminster now has Scottish Labour Members of substance and calibre. Gordon Brown, thrust into flavour-of-the-month prominence by the illness of John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, is also clearly a coming man, and once he stops giving the impression that he has just suspended the Lord Chancellor from Communion for six months his appeal no doubt will be even broader.

The Scottish Labour Party, then, is no longer just lobby fodder. If the contrast between the ascendancy it enjoys north of the border and to the fortunes of the party nationally continues to be as sharp as it is, Kinnock would be wise not to entertain too romantic notions about Scottish-Welsh solidarity.

Why did the Nationalists win so decisively? Poll tax was undoubtedly important in the campaign but mainly, I think, as a focus for broader, unspoken concerns, and in the long run I believes these are more worrying for the Conservatives than for Labour.

The late John Mackintosh, who fought more elections than he won for Labour in Scotland, used to reminisce about one of his unsuccessful campaigns in Berwick and East Lothian. He was approached in Haddington by his Tory opponent, a quintessential knight of the shires. "They tell me you're going about the constituency making speeches about politics, Mackintosh," he said in kindly tones. "It won't do, you know." Mackintosh, the academic political scientist, told the story wryly against himself. "I think the old boy may have been right," he used to say.

Changed days. Scottish Tories now have to bang on about the issues just as lesser mortals do, and it has to be said that they do not get any better at it. The better minds in the Scottish Conservative Party have always known that there is a strong streak of nationalism in all Scots, wherever they put their cross on polling day. The devolution issue has always divided the Tories in Scotland, which is why the initiatives they have occasionally felt obliged to take have always seemed so glum and half-hearted.

The issue is now presenting itself to them in a new and alarming light. When the Nationalist policy was simply one of Home Rule for Scotland, Tories were able to have a good deal of patronizing fun with the proposition: "Is that what you really want? A seat at the United Nations between Saudi Arabia and Senegal?"

An independent Scotland within the European Community is rather different, and in some of the things that the Prime Minister has been saying recently about nationhood within the Community, the Nationalists have been quick to see the makings of an argument that could suit them powerfully well.

Bernard Levin

The smut in Santa's eye

CLAUDIO MUNOZ

It was *King Lear* who pointed out that "the worst is not, So long as we can say 'This is the worst' ", and it may be that what I am about to reveal has long been familiar to my readers, and even that the more blasé among them can cap it with ease. So be it: but did *you* know that you can now buy obscene Christmas cards? I found some when I was browsing through a shop selling seasonal stationery, and I am not sure whether the fact that the themes of the cards are of an almost unimaginable witlessness and the drawings of an equally striking lack of artistic talent makes matters better or worse.

In case Mrs Whitehouse is starting to go hippity-hop, I should say that they are nowhere near the level that might invite prosecution, and if they were I would not name the shop; I find the idea peculiarly repellent, as I shall shortly demonstrate rather vigorously, but if there are people who wish to send or receive such things I do not propose to set myself up as a jobbing censor, let alone a stool-pigeon. Only nowadays I do sometimes find myself cocking an eye at the heavens not for rain but for fire and brimstone.

For the thousandth time: I am not a Christian, and I am aware that when *I* meddle in Christian matters it is open to any Christian who disagrees with me to tell me to go back where I came from. (Fitzroy Square Synagogue, in case you're interested, and the rabbi did *not* look like Julia Neuberger.) Still, very few Christmas cards today have any pictorial or verbal connection with the birth of Christ, and I dare say that an opinion poll would reveal a substantial proportion of respondents who have no idea what the 25th of December is supposed to commemorate. I have long enjoyed the innocence of those gift shops which sell a wide range of Christmas cards, and label one rack "Religious", but I do not buy my cards from that section, as I think it an impertinence on my part to do so.

Very well; but there is plenty of room between the Adoration of the Magi and Santa Claus (an actual example) using his traditional fur-trimmed red bonnet as a condom. If Christmas is not about the birth of Christ, as for most people it plainly isn't, then it is about friendship and families, goodwill on earth, the exchanging of presents, the sharing of meals, the giving of alms — but let Scrooge's nephew take up the catalogue:

"... a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it *has* done me good, and *will* do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

To which Scrooge retorts that Fred ought to go into Parliament, but he doesn't accompany his sarcasm by knocking off a lightning sketch of (another genuine instance) Santa sitting on the lavatory.

I have never believed that Gresham's Law applied to anything but money; to admit it into any other area is to surrender to the Manichee. For instance, however empty, debased or simian most popular music is today, it leaves the Schubert Octet untouched; similarly, dirty pictures for Christmas will not damage even the secular majority among Christmases, let alone the ones that seek to mark the birth of the Saviour of the world. Yet we are diminished by such things; though they cannot defile the spirit of Christmas, the very fact that they try to do so admits another enemy through the lines.

Let us try, however difficult and otiose the task, to enter into the thought processes of the people who drew these pictures, who commissioned them and who stocked them. Presumably, all three categories thought that the cards would sell, and presumably at least those in charge of the shop paused to wonder whether some potential customers might be offended, only to conclude that the people who would be delighted would greatly outnumber the offended ones. But was there no room at all in their weighings-up for the possibility that something both lawful and profitable might nevertheless be better left alone?

Here, a sharp lawyer could do wonders with a charge of inconsistency; obscene birthday cards have been with us for many years, and I have never publicly complained. Where's the difference? The difference lies in the fact that sending a smutty card to old Jack makes no comment on anything or anybody other than old Jack; a smutty Christmas card makes a comment about Christmas, and it is a comment which denies any meaning at all to the season, even in its most secular guise. If Christmas weighs exactly the same as old Jack, there is something seriously wrong with the scales.

Back comes the sharp lawyer. Have you not, Mr Levin, seen lewd caricatures of the Royal Family (yes, Sir Travers), of Parliament (oh, *yes*, Sir Travers), of Adam and Eve (all right, all right)? What's the difference?

Look here, I have in my time seen an obscene photographic parody of the Crucifixion, though perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned it, lest some even more enterprising firm starts to turn out a frightfully amusing line in those.

My point is that although I would not suggest that anybody in this business should wonder whether what they are doing is in good taste, I think that they might ponder for a moment on a similar but not identical question: are there such things as bounds, and if so does an indecent Christmas card go beyond them? And if it does, why?

Well, why are there *decent* Christmas cards? Why do the images which decorate them — the three kings, the star in the East, the manger, the babe in arms, the holly and the ivy, the carol singers — why do these icons go on resonating after so many centuries? Because they correspond to something buried deep in even the least observant family, whose imagination will stretch no further than the silver coin in the pudding.

Whether you take it or leave it, the Christian story is so colossal in its telling, its course and its promise, that those who live in even an ostensibly Christian society cannot but be moved by it. The child who comes home from school bursting to tell his parents about the crib he has helped to make may be greeted with blank stares, or even condescending smiles; but the little child has got hold of more of the truth — as, indeed, the central figure in the Christmas story was more than once impelled to point out when he grew up. And it is not only images; it is also phrases. Glad tidings ... the shepherds abiding in the fields ... no room at the inn ... Christians awake ... O come let us adore him ... these words have dug themselves as deeply in Christian-based cultures as have the famous pictures.

The answer takes shape. Whether or not you accept the Christmas message, if it is soiled something in you is soiled. If the Nativity is what Christians believe it to be, it is no joke; and if it isn't what Christians think it, it is still no joke. And even if it were a joke, it certainly wouldn't be a dirty one.

Those in charge of the shop where all this started may retort that the cards in question have nothing to do with religion or Messiahs or Holy Families or Virgin Births, but are meant only for those who do not care a fig about such matters, and who merely want something to convey Christmas greetings to their like-minded family and friends. Er ... *what*mas greetings?

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Commentary • PETER BRIMELOW

Bonfire of the verities

New York

Bright lights, bustling crowds, cold night air laced with expectancy — it all stirred something buried deep in my memory as I struggled home through Manhattan's canyon streets on the evening of election day, Tuesday, November 8.

Then I caught a whiff of smoke as someone struck a match to light a cigarette. And it came back with a rush: leaving school as a child on Guy Fawkes' Night in England — the only day of the year, our teachers said, when no pupil asked to be told the date — with the bonfires still unlit but the early evening fireworks already reverberating and scenting the dark.

Elections are America's national sport and civic religion. And the federal contests are always held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, so watching the results on television becomes a regular seasonal ritual. It's familiar and festive even when, as turned out to be the case this year, no one is unexpectedly incinerated and loud bangs are relatively few.

Before the Democratic convention in July, when Michael Dukakis had a double-digit lead in the polls — remember? — I wrote a column questioning the Bush campaign's passivity. I thought the obvious counter-attack was to hammer at the Rev Jesse Jackson's leftism and putative anti-Semitism and to denounce Dukakis for accommodating it. I conceded that the Bush managers' approach unquestionably reflected the characteristic intense caution of professional politicians, and that I was no doubt displaying a columnist's confrontational twitch. But I wondered, as a purely technical matter, which was right.

Well, I'm still wondering. Bush never took my advice, although when Dukakis raised the spectre of President Quayle he could easily have evoked the alternative vision of Secretary of State Jackson, thus focusing attention on the still-secret deal Dukakis must certainly have made. But, even without dropping this particular bomb, Bush did become sufficiently aggressive that pundits have already pronounced this to have been an historically "negative campaign". And, of course, he won.

To British eyes, the lamentations about the "negative campaign" are simply further evidence of the extraordinary pomposity of American journalists. And a British perspective provides another useful concept when thinking about the 1988 presidential election: Disraeli's "two nations".

But it's not simply a question of rich and poor. The election reveals a division within the American body politic that can ultimately be traced to ethnicity and culture. Essentially, the Republicans under Reagan have built a winning coalition by uniting the majority in America, which is white and Christian. This has superseded the previous electoral coalition developed by the Democrats under Roosevelt and his successors, which united the minorities, notably blacks and Jews, and divided the majority, chiefly on class lines.

The distinction is not absolute. Jewish intellectuals are influential in the conservative movement. And a glance at the electoral college map shows that Dukakis was quite successful at tapping some of the hereditary liberalism of northern-tier states settled by New Englanders and Scandinavians, such as Minnesota and Washington state.

But it really matters. One illustration was the response to the powerful symbolic issues that Bush raised: the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Civil Liberties Union, the furlough of murderers. Liberals did not disdain these issues as irrelevant; they reacted just as viscerally as conservatives but in the opposite direction.

The New York Times, always a bell-wether, was filled with articles and letters essentially accusing Bush of nativism, racism and in general behaving like a Cossack or a Southern sheriff. It turned out, however, that the America of the left is just smaller than the America of the right.

One *New York Times* columnist, William Safire, has argued cogently that the Democrats' slide actually began at their convention. With its big quotas for minorities — blacks alone made up nearly a quarter of the delegates — it simply looked alien to white America. As did Dukakis himself, with his explicit appeal to the "ethnic", that is non-Wasp (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant), vote. Car stickers sprouted in the South reading, pointedly, "Americans for Bush". And white Southerners, particularly men, went for Bush in numbers resembling an Eastern European plebiscite.

If Safire is right, the Democrats' problem at the presidential level is almost insuperable. They may be able to find a more "American" candidate — Charles Robb, the newly-elected Virginia senator, is already being auditioned for the role. But the liberal activists who actually do the work in the party may not want to nominate him. Jesse Jackson himself advocates registering more blacks on the voters' roll and waiting until the pro-Third World immigration policy currently in place produces a demographic shift.

Democrats in Congress have been able to hang on to their majorities, through a combination of gerrymandering, laws favouring incumbents and a closer tailoring of their appeal to local conditions. They are extremely frustrated and very angry. Look for more inquisitorial confirmation hearings and more of what Colonel Oliver North has aptly described as the "criminalization of policy differences".

American politics may be in for fireworks after all.

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On November 8 the Bavarian State Commissioner, Herr von Kahr, and others pledged support to General Ludendorff and Hitler for a coup against the central government in Berlin. The next day they recanted. Ludendorff and Hitler were tried for treason. Ludendorff was acquitted; Hitler was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, of which he served only nine months.

HITLER'S BEER HALL PUTSCH

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MUNICH, Nov. 11

At the meeting on Thursday night in the Bürgerbraü cellar, after Hitler had announced the composition of his new "Government," he declared that the Stresemann Government would be overthrown and the National Army would march on Berlin and establish a truly national Government.

The first action of the Hitler Dictatorship was to dispatch an armoured car and machine-gun detachments to the offices of the *Münchner Post*, which were almost completely wrecked, machinery and books being ruthlessly destroyed. During the night gangs of Hitlerites stormed through the town and invaded the first-class restaurants and hotels in search of Jews or profiteers. Fortunately there was no bloodshed.

On Friday morning I drove through the town at 9 o'clock with one of Hitler's staff in a requisitioned car, one of many which the new Government had taken over.

The streets were filled with Hitler's men posting up proclamations. The bridges were all heavily guarded, and the town appeared to be at the mercy of the Hitler forces. Some of the posters announced that military tribunals would be established to deal with looting or other crimes. There would only be two verdicts, "not guilty" or "guilty", and only one penalty for the guilty — death.

Eventually we drove to the Bürgerbrau-Keller, where Hitler and Ludendorff had established their headquarters.

Upstairs, in a small, barely furnished room, were Ludendorff, Hitler, and half-a-dozen officers with maps and plans. Hitler received me courteously, but was obviously overwrought and dead tired. He scarcely seemed to fill the part — this little man in an old waterproof coat with a revolver at his hip, unshaven and with disordered hair, and so hoarse that he could scarcely speak. Ludendorff also seemed anxious and preoccupied.

During the morning in the safety of Police Headquarters, Herr von Kahr and General von Lossow had had time to reconsider their pledges to Hitler. Posters signed by Herr von Kahr appeared, stating that Hitler and the Prussian Ludendorff were traitors, that the consent which had been forced from Herr von Kahr at the pistol's point was withdrawn, that the Reichswehr and Landespolizei were loyal to the Kahr Government, and that Hitler's forces and all similar organizations of "storm troops" must be dissolved forthwith.

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BACK FROM GOVAN

The name of the Govan parliamentary constituency derives from the Gaelic for "a little study" — which is just what the result of Thursday's by-election deserves. It is cause for concern to both Mr Kinnock and Mrs Thatcher, but not a reason for either to change their policies towards Scotland.

The victory over Labour by the Scottish Nationalist, Mr Jim Sillars, was flamboyant and decisive, but no more a threat to the United Kingdom than the Nationalist wins at Motherwell (1945), Carmarthen (1966), Hamilton (1967) and Govan itself which in 1973 was won for the SNP by the now Mrs Sillars, then Mrs Margo MacDonald. Each nationalist by-election success has been reversed at a General Election. Govan (1988) need be no exception.

Study of the Govan result should begin with this "by-election factor". Just as the SDP would win handsome numbers of seats if Dr David Owen could stand for all of them, so might the SNP if Mr Sillars, a powerful and experienced performer, were able to multiply his presence.

This year's local by-elections in Scotland do not show nationalism as a rising force. In Glasgow itself Labour has five safer seats than Govan, all of which would fall to the swing to Mr Sillars on Thursday. But that is a wish mouthed into the Scottish mist.

The collapse of the SLD and Conservative vote betrays a large amount of tactical voting. A Nationalist vote is a valuable means of protest for the people of Scotland. Not only does it risk nothing, it tends to bring financial rewards from the "worrieds" of Whitehall and Westminster.

Back in London, Labour can console itself a little with the inevitable impact when an MP voluntarily gives up his seat for what opponents on the doorstep can call "the lush life of Brussels". The Conservatives can talk of "the tactical vote" and admit to themselves, if not to the voters, that Govan is outside their sphere of influence. But neither of the two main parties' studies of the Govan by-election will make happy reading for them.

Labour's short-term problems are the worse. The SNP success, whatever its reason, will reopen wounds that Mr Kinnock wants to keep closed. Left-wingers — and not just in Scotland — will redouble their calls for an illegal boycott of the community charge. Labour devolutionists will be dusting down their seventies-styled armour.

Mr Kinnock shares with Mrs Thatcher a strong support for an unchanged Union. But, unlike Mrs Thatcher, he must face the fact that Scotland is the base upon which his power lies.

The Prime Minister's attempts since the election to show herself more often north of the border have so far seemed in vain. But Mr Kinnock's 49 Scottish seats constitute 22 per cent of his entire parliamentary strength.

In terms of political quality Mr Kinnock's reliance on Scotland is still greater. Mr John Smith, Mr Gordon Brown, Mr Donald Dewar and Mr Robin Cook all have seats there.

SNP claims of Govan glory ought to be be hard pressed in the months to come. The European election campaign will allow plenty of opportunity to probe the concept of "an independent Scotland in Europe".

Nationalism, whatever else its appeal, is not a progressive force for modernizing the economy, breaking down barriers, and building industrial success against world competition. It is backward-looking — and in its new European slogan it appears to look further back than ever. Watch for Mrs Sillars in the role of Mary Queen of Scots.

OUT OF TIME

When the West German Government prepared to commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, the State-sponsored pogrom against German Jews, it could hardly have imagined that an act of national contrition and remembrance would have consequences so bitter and so far-reaching. The anniversary was always going to be an occasion of extreme sensitivity. It became a triple misfortune.

It was a a personal misfortune for Herr Jenninger, the Speaker of the Bundestag and West Germany's second-ranking political figure, who resigned yesterday. As a respected Christian Democrat of 56, he could have been expected to make a contribution to West German politics for many years to come.

It was a national misfortune for West German society in its striving to accept responsibility for the Nazi past and come to terms with what happened. Above all, it was a misfortune for West Germany abroad in its continuing, and largely successful, effort to restore international respectability.

So far as Herr Jenninger is concerned, no one can accuse him of having hidden a Nazi past. He was only one year old when Hitler came to power; he would have been six on *Kristallnacht*, and 13 at the end of the war. Nor is there any suggestion that he has since harboured Nazi sympathies.

But his relative youth may also have been his undoing. The address he delivered to the Bundestag and which — even in its opening paragraphs — caused such offence that members of the opposition parties walked out, had a cool, analytical and didactic tone which was quite inappropriate to the emotion of the occasion. As long as there are people alive who remember those years, more is called for than analysis.

Herr Jenninger read a historical lecture which tried to explain why Hitler came to power, why he attracted so much support from the German people, and why the elimination of the Jews in their midst met so little resistance. While long on historical reasoning, the Bundestag Speaker's address was short on sentiment and still shorter on regret and humility. In some, scholarly, circumstances it might have been a valid approach. It was the wrong address for the anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, and a grave political error.

In that respect, Herr Jenninger was right to resign, and his party, the Christian Democrats, was right to ask him to do so. Nothing less would — or should — have satisfied parliamentary and public opinion, in West Germany and abroad.

The content and manner of the speech seemed only to confirm what many Jews still feel, wherever they now live: that a strand of anti-semitism runs through German history and could, given propitious circumstances, emerge again: Nor is the fear limited to Jews. Many others who fought Germany between 1939 and 1945, and those Germans who rejected Hitler, still dread the possibility that a German super-state might be re-established in the centre of Europe.

There is much evidence to the contrary. Germany after the war was divided; its social forms and institutions created again from nothing. The commemorative ceremonies for *Kristallnacht* and other anniversaries are themselves pledges that the consequences of the rise of Hitler and the Third Reich will not be forgotten, even when the witnesses of those events are no longer with us.

The pity is that Herr Jenninger's mistimed essay on German history may postpone the day when the truth that he tried to speak can be spoken in public. That truth is that Hitler's rise to power was not an inexplicable aberration, but was built on the oppressive terms of the Versailles treaty and a number of popular, if shortlived, economic and national successes.

To concede, and even detail, these facts, as Herr Jenninger tried to do is something that many Germans of past and present generations still find impossible. These unpalatable facts have been drowned in a sea of national confession. Some people question whether they need to be recognized at all. They do; but not in the Bundestag on *Kristallnacht*.

SHELVING THE GIRO

At the very best of times, Girobank would have been a difficult institution to sell, and these are not the very best of times. At the moment, it is hard to see why anyone should want to buy.

At the very start of the privatization programme in June, Mr Kenneth Clarke, then Minister for Trade and Industry, ruled out the most likely would-be buyers when he said that bids from the big four clearing banks and the major building societies would not be welcome. He envisaged Girobank being the core of a new force, reinforcing competition in domestic banking and giving the big players a run for their money.

The Government has now changed its tune. In the small hours of yesterday morning it declared that, since nobody else is particularly keen to buy Girobank, the big players would be welcome. The change of attitude shows just how dispensable are high moral attitudes towards competition when the commercial pressure builds up.

But even the main clearing banks and building societies will have to take a very long-term view before committing £200 million or so to the purchase. The bank is not in a good condition for sale. It has no branches and is locked into an agreement with Post Office Counters (which is also being privatized) to provide its face to the customer.

Its major businesses are banking retailers' takings and handing out cash through its five-year contract with the Department of Health and Social Security. Neither activity brings it into contact with the profitable personal banking sector. Its personal customers tend to be drawn from the lower socio-economic groupings.

A further complication which has emerged is that Girobank has not yet completed an expensive new computer system. Further spending is needed to keep up to date. To cap it all, a few weeks after the proposed sale was announced, Girobank disclosed disappointing profits.

It is not surprising that, one by one, the bidders dropped out. What *is* surprising is that the Government chose 1988 to attempt the sale and then imposed such tight timing and conditions that would-be buyers took fright.

Rather than extend the time-scale and allow in buyers of which it initially disapproved, the Government would be better served by shelving the idea for a year or more until the new computer system is up and running and some of the benefits of Girobank's push into more profitable markets, such as mortgages, can be shown to buyers.

The Government's overall privatization programme is now well established. One retreat no longer stands to jeopardize confidence in the whole. This sell-off plan was premature. It would be better for the Government to abandon it now rather than face the humiliation of begging buyers to make bids.

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From Mr Andrew Anderson

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Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON,
1 The Close,
Norwich, Norfolk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The poorest who remain deprived

From the Director of the Children's Society

Sir, I was concerned to read Mr Nicholas Scott's dismissive response (report, November 9) to the survey of social-security changes carried out by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux (Nacab).

Our own survey, albeit also using a "small sample" (40 representative cases, from seven out of 45 projects), reveals very similar findings to those reported by Nacab. In particular, it shows that many potential Social Fund claimants are deterred from applying because they have been led to believe that only loans are on offer and that these will be of little benefit, given that they are already living in poverty.

We have also found indications that claims are decided on a fairly arbitrary basis, with little explanation offered other than people are not "in priority need". For instance, young families moving from bed-and-breakfast to unfurnished council accommodation have been refused what, in our opinion, are perfectly legitimate claims for grants to furnish their new accommodation with the basic necessities of a civilised existence.

We have also found a considerable degree of consumer dissatisfaction with the operation of the Social Fund, and an equal level of concern from advice workers that genuine needs are not being met.

We would argue that our small survey, added to those being carried out by Nacab and many other organisations, begins to demonstrate both the breadth and the depth of need which cannot be met by the Social Fund in its present form. We believe, even at this early stage, that the fund is proving woefully inadequate to meet the needs of many of the poorest in this country.

Yours faithfully,
IAN SPARKS, Director,
The Children's Society,
Edward Rudolf House,
Margery Street, WC1.
November 10.

Tilting at windmills

From Dr George H. T. Kimble

Sir, If Mr Hugh Arnold (November 1) lived in Los Angeles he would be hard put to it to find support for his strictures on wind-driven electricity generators. The clean energy produced by them is helping to reduce southern California's dependence on air-polluting fossil fuels; and the boost they give to the sluggish air circulation (characteristic of that part of America for several months of the year) does something to reduce the incidence and intensity of its smogs.

To be sure, if the same number of wind turbines were installed offshore they would do a better job on both counts, though doubtless at greater cost. They would have at least two advantages over those we are building on land: they would generate at least one-half more energy (a 20-knot wind over land normally increasing to about 26 knots over sea) and they would be situated beyond sight and sound of those who, like Mr Arnold, find them devoid of charm.

Yours faithfully,
G. KIMBLE,
7 Dymocks Manor,
Ditchling, East Sussex.
November 1.

Reform at the FO

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow

Sir, After David Hart's article (November 4), in considering the wisdom of independent foreign affairs advice in 10 Downing Street, it would be prudent to recall the fateful influence of Sir Horace Wilson (from outside the Foreign Office) on Mr Neville Chamberlain in the late 1930s.

Yours,
GREENHILL of HARROW,
House of Lords.
November 9.

Lord Chancellor and test of faith

From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, FRS

Sir, Whether or not the claim of Mr Donald MacLean (November 9) that the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland is a branch rather than an offshoot, a twig or a withered leaf of the Christian Church, is a matter of opinion, the true answer to which can probably only be given by the Holy Spirit at the end of the present dispensation.

What is beyond argument is that his assertion that the ecumenical movement is "the greatest disaster to affect the Christian Church this century" is in flat contradiction to the Word of God which Mr MacLean recognizes as his "supreme standard".

On the night when he was betrayed, the Founder of the Christian religion said

> A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another. As I have loved you that ye also love one another.

This commandment was elaborated at greater length, particularly in the third and fourth chapters of the Johannine epistles, and *passim* in the epistles of St Paul.

No doubt the ecumenical movement has its faults, one of which is its tendency to fudge genuine differences. But one thing is certain. It has re-introduced into the Christian Church the supreme duty of obeying this commandment, and it has done so after centuries of mutual hatred and misunderstanding.

One of the two counts in the indictment against Lord Mackay of Clashfern was that he attended the requiem of the late Lord Russell of Killowen. If I am not mistaken I, too, was at that requiem, and pronounced the eulogy from the pulpit. I would have been ashamed to have declined this office and am proud to think that my words included a reference to the late Lord Russell's sincere devotion to another branch of the Christian Church to which I do not belong and that they must have been listened to by the present Lord Chancellor

I believe sincerely that in attending that service he was obeying the commandment to which I have referred, and that in condemning him his accusers have been guilty of erecting the man-made Westminster Confession into an idol which they worship in preference to the divine words of Holy Scripture.

Yours etc.,
HAILSHAM of St
MARYLEBONE,
The Corner House,
Heathview Gardens, SW15.

From Mr John Cordle

Sir, Everyone will have noticed the dignity with which the Lord Chancellor has conducted himself in his dispute with his Church. However, the letter from the Clerk of the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church in your November 9 issue shows that he is not the only one who comes out of this dispute with dignity.

A small denomination which values strict adherence to the truth above every consideration, and expects its officers to act accordingly, is certainly unfashionable; but the fashionable way, as Mr MacLean says, is to set truth so far down one's list of priorities as to be reduced to impotence. Bigotry is not the preserve of the strict; bigotry is an arrogant attitude of mind which can accompany views of any sort. As the famous Crockford preface reminded us, the ecclesiastical group most worked by bigotry today are the illiberal "liberals".

Where this leaves the Lord Chancellor, one does not know. Possibly he wishes things were not so polarised, and would prefer the old Protestant ideal of firmness on essentials and readiness to differ on secondary matters. It is sad that this position has so few advocates today.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. CORDLE,
Malmesbury House, The Close,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From the Reverend Richard T. Harrison

Sir, The publicity surrounding the suspension of the Lord Chancellor from the Communion table brings into focus ecumenism and the denominations. Most Christians in this country belong to one or other of the denominations. Many enjoy good relations with Christians from other branches of the Church. They may or may not be actively linked with the ecumenical movement.

There is absolutely no reason for anyone in public office to hesitate in letting it be known that he or she belongs to a particular denomination. That is the way the Christian Church functions here. People do not have to be harsh in their attitude to Christians of other denominations whilst at the same time they are loyal to their own. This seems to be the position of the Lord Chancellor.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HARRISON,
Bishop's Stortford Baptist Church,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Michael Gillingham

Sir, Mr MacLean's letter must strike a chord of sad reminiscence among those, such as myself, brought up on the stricter borders of non-conformity — in my own case, among the (so-called) Exclusive Brethren.

But even that tragic body of Christians acknowledged that there were occasions when earlier models than heroes of the Protestant Reformation should be followed.

Naaman (II Kings v) was, after all, in a rather greater fix than Lord Mackay. Yet, after describing his problem of compulsory attendance in the house of Rimmon, he was told by the man of God, Elisha, to "go in peace" (II Kings v, 18).

Does not Lord Mackay deserve the same understanding?

Yours very truly,
MICHAEL GILLINGHAM,
4 Fournier Street, Spitalfields, E1.

Present indicative

From Mr Simon J. E. Easton

Sir, On the assumption that Mr Oldfield (November 8) has properly educated his elder daughter in the art of newspaper reading, he has not only shown his fellow readers how unwanted Christmas presents can be avoided, but has also tactfully repelled a stocking full of shaving foam this Christmas.

If any of my teenage children would read *The Times* they would note that I have sufficient socks to see me through until the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. E. EASTON,
18/19 Southampton Place, WC1.

From Mrs Marie Collins

Sir, The Christmas gift I fear receiving is another exquisite pair of gold earrings with minute "butterfly" fastenings which my clumsy fingers fail to manipulate. I loathe leaving these precious ornaments in the presentation case but I am petrified of wearing them for fear of losing them.

Yours truly,
MARIE COLLINS,
24 St Swithuns Road,
Hempsted, Gloucester.

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Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON,
1 The Close,
Norwich, Norfolk,

Postal shake-up

From Mr I. A. Page

Sir, In 1680, I understand, there was a penny-post service between some 400 coffee houses and taverns in the City of London which offered hourly collections and four to eight deliveries daily. Nowadays we receive one delivery and on the odd occasion two.

The Post Office guidelines say that our first delivery should arrive at the latest 9.15 am. Only once during October was this achieved. They are on average 86 minutes late, and on one day the post arrived at 2.45 pm, too late to bank cheques totalling over £30,000. In addition, 54 per cent of first-class letters arrived late — some were 16 days overdue.

The Carter report on Post Office efficiency said if the service became much worse it would become impossible to defend the monopoly against those who might offer a better service. Surely now is the time for the Government to act and encourage competition to give the British postal users, business and public, an improved competitive service.

Yours faithfully,
I. A. PAGE, Managing Director,
C. T. L. Components Limited,
19 Deer Park Road, SW19.

From Mr John Bradley

Sir, We are a user of the Post Office parcel contract service. We expanded, we moved, we advised the Post Office. they sent a representative, he noted the correct address. We continued to receive invoices, despite several reminders, to the old address.

We received letters exhorting us to use the service, to the old address. We wrote directly to the managing director of the service, yet again pointing out the errors. His deputy replied, apologising for these errors, to the old address.

Perhaps we should move back; then at least the Post Office would be getting it right.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BRADLEY,
Managing Director,
Combined Export Traders Ltd,
PO Box 639,
Woburn, MK17 9DH.

From Mr Keith Jeffery

Sir, As Miss Copp observes (November 9), the three letter-boxes at the Notting Hill Gate post office are labelled Foreign, First Class, and Newspapers and Packages. It is puzzling, therefore, to know where to post not only second-class letters but also all mail to some 60 countries in the Commonwealth.

That the contents of all three boxes are in the event emptied into the same sack solves the problem. It only remains for the postmistress at Notting Hill Gate to make life simpler for us all by removing the labelling entirely.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH JEFFERY,
27 Campden Hill Towers, W11.

From Mr M. H. Wainwright

Sir, Further to Miss Copp's letter, postmens' behavioural practices obviously vary with the postal district.

Here I have observed postmen removing 2nd class letters from the 1st class half of the pillar they are clearing and re-posting them in the 2nd class half which remains firmly locked.

Yours faithfully,
M. WAINWRIGHT,
1 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1.
November 8.

From Mr Maurice Dennett

Sir, Italy can go one better! In the wall of the post office in the hill village of Diana Castello was a receptacle wide enough to have two slits, one marked for deliveries inside Italy, one for other countries.

Intrigued by the hollow sound when I dropped in my holiday postcards, I peered through the apertures, to find one large box into which all post dropped. At least it looked impressive for a small village!

Yours sincerely,
M. DENNETT,
27 St Anne's Crescent,
Grasscroft, Oldham, Lancashire.
November 7.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Better deal for air travellers

From Mr Keith Purdom

Sir, I was delighted with the idea (report, November 8) that delayed airline passengers might be pre-warned; delighted particularly because the pre-advice to clients of a long delay known in advance has for some years been an important aspect of customer service for my company.

During last summer, with the co-operation of airlines and airport handling agents, we were able to contact many clients and advise them of a deferred check-in time.

If we are able to extend the scope of our own pre-advice much urgent work is necessary to co-ordinate the work of air traffic control, airlines, airports and airport handling agents with tour operators, not an easy task when ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) has several hundred tour-operator members.

But whilst we are willing to commit our own resources to improving the lot of our customers, surely we miss the point. The problem remains in the hands of the air traffic controllers, British and European, and the various governments.

Why should hundreds of thousands of business and holiday travellers have their plans jeopardised in this way? Passengers pay high prices to "Eurocontrol" to provide air traffic control. In a year when there have been substantially fewer charter flights, let us remove this smoke-screen and get Government action now to improve matters for 1989.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH PURDOM (Sales and Operations Director),
Horizon Holidays Limited,
Broadway,
Edgbaston Five Ways,
Birmingham 15.
November 8.

From Sir Bernard Feilden

Sir, When reporting at Heathrow Terminal 4 in good time for flight BA 177, scheduled to leave at 1400 hours on October 27, I was blandly informed that this flight had been cancelled. I was offered alternative flights at 1730 or 1830, either of which would have enabled me to reach New York about midnight; not the best time to search for accommodation.

My American friends were shocked that our national airline should have started the practice of cancelling scheduled flights already booked, especially if they are international.

I trust, for the good reputation of British Airways, that this was an exceptional case.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD FEILDEN,
Stiffkey Old Hall,
Wells next the Sea, Norfolk.
November 4.

Seeing red

From Mr Martin Brown

Sir, Alastair Morton (October 28) and Richard Howard-Jones (November 2) will be glad to know that Customs *do* take US and Canadian dollar notes and travellers' cheques in payment for charges to passengers. We are also about to start an experiment at Gatwick to accept credit card payments.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BROWN,
Customs Directorate,
HM Customs and Excise,
Dorset House,
Stamford Street, SE1.
November 4.

From Mr Geoffrey Harriss

Sir, Mr R. Howard-Jones (November 2) asks why customs duties cannot be paid by credit card.

It might be possible operationally. But I wonder what the reaction of the Treasury would be if asked to accept revenue abated by whatever charge the credit companies now make for transactions.

The full amount of legally imposed duty and tax has to be paid. Would Mr Howard-Jones be willing to pay the added percentage?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY HARRISS,
3 Quebec Close,
Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex.

From Mr Stephen Waley-Cohen

Sir, Going through the red channel this Sunday I encountered, unlike Mr Alastair Morton (October 28), nothing but courtesy — but only after I had queued for 40 minutes to pay £10 because my purchase of gifts in the US totalled about £100.

What an inducement to the dishonesty of the green channel after an overnight flight.

It is surely high time the limit was raised from the present nominal £32 to a more sensible but still token figure, such as £100.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN WALEY-COHEN,
1 Wallingford Avenue, W10.
November 7.

Polished off

From Mr D. J. Phelps

Sir, Once again the contents of my tin of shoe polish have disintegrated into 15 unmanageable triangular pieces, making the cleaning of my shoes into a somewhat fraught, messy and eventually impossible occupation.

Do you, Sir, or any of your erudite readers, know of any method of retrieving this situation; or must I accept that the manufacturers of shoe polish achieve their profit from what is thrown away, and go over to cream?

Yours hopefully,
D. J. PHELPS,
92 Franklin Road,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
November 10.

Sources close to the sale said that all however, that the big banks were with other banks.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The President of the Republic of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf, with the Senegalese Suite in attendance, left Buckingham Palace this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

His Excellency Monsieur Abdelwaheb Abdallah was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Tunisia to the Court of St. James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Khaled Kaak (Counsellor), Monsieur Hatem Bergaoui (Counsellor), Monsieur Abderraouf Bouhachem (Secretary), Monsieur Lamine Lourimi (Attaché).

Madame Abdallah had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Hon. Donald S. Macdonald was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

Mrs. Macdonald had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

Sir Julian Bullard, Sir Rochard Evans, Sir Martin Ewans, Sir Bryan Cartledge and Sir John Thomson *had the honour of* being received by The Queen upon their retirement from the Diplomatic Service.

Lady Bullard, Lady Evans, Lady Ewans and Lady Cartledge had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by The Speaker (the Right Hon. Bernard Weatherill, M.P.) at Speaker's House to mark the Tercentenary of the Glorious Revolutionof 1688-89.

The Countess of Airlie and the Right Hon. Sir William Heseltine were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition, this morning chaired a meeting of the Judges at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Life Member of the British Sub-Aqua Club, this afternoon presented the 1987 The Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Underwater Science at Buckingham Palace.

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of Senegal and Madame Abdou Diouf and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon. Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 11: The Prince and Princess of Wales this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from France.

Sir John Riddell, Bt., Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr. David Wright, Mr. Robin Janvrin, Mr. Philip Mackie, Surgeon-Commander Anthony Osborne, R.N. and Major Christopher Lavender were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 11: The Princess Royal arrived at Glasgow Central Station in the Royal Train and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Councillor Mrs. George Baird, the Rt. Hon. the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, opened the DArnley Street Family Project, East Pollokshields, Glasgow.

The Princess Royal opened the new Swimming Baths and Leisure Centre at Broad Meadow, Dumbarton and visited Polaroid (UK) Limited at Strathleven Industrial Estate, Dumbarton. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dunbartonshire (Brigadier A.S. Pearson).

Subsequently, The Princess Royal attended the opening session of the British Association of Sports and Medicine's Congress '88 at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Perthshire (Major David Butter).

Her Royal Highness travelled in the Royal Train.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, today honoured the Colonel (Major-General Simon Cooper) and Officers with her presence at luncheon at Merchant Taylors' Hall to mark the 21st Anniversary of the formation of the Regiment.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
November 11: The Duke of York this morning attended a service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Armistice at St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres and later attended a ceremony at the Menin Gate. In the afternoon, His Royal Highness visited Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries at Dunhallow and New Irish Farm, near Ypres, Belgium.

The Duke, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight was attended by Captain Charles Page.

Memorial service

Mr Sam White
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Sam White was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. *Mr John Leese, Editor-in-Chief of the Evening Standard,* read the lesson and the Hon Jeremy Deedes, Executive Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, read from Tennyson's *Ulysses*. Mr Gavin Young and Lady Soames gave addresses. Mme Ilona Lazar sang *I Love Paris* by Cole Porter. Among those present were:

Mr Christophe White and Mr Michel White (sons), Miss Sarah White (daughter); M J-P Swyngedauw (representing the French Embassy), Margot Countess of Buckinghamshire, Lord Bruce-Gardyne, Lord Beaverbrook, the Hon Mrs Jeremy Deedes, the Hon Jeremy Soames, the Hon Emma Soames, Sir Edward Pickering (executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers, and Master of the Guild of St Bride), Sir Hugh Dundas, Lady Harding, Sir John Junor, Sir Bernard Ledwidge, Sir Kenneth James, Lady Fretwell.

Mr Louis Kirby (editorial director, Associated Newspapers, representing the Chairman of Associated Newspapers Holdings) and Mrs Kirby with Mr Vyvyan Harmsworth (deputy director of corporate affairs) and Mrs Harmsworth, Mr Gordon Mellers (deputy managing director, *Evening Standard*, also representing the chief executive), Miss Genevieve Cooper (deputy editor), Mr Philip Evans (news editor), Mr Brian Vine (managing editor, *Daily Mail*, also representing the editor-in-chief, Mail Newspapers), Mr Stewart Steven (editor, *The Mail on Sunday*), Mr Milton Shulman, Mr Reg Smith, Mr Richard Bruton, Mr Dick Garrett, Mr David Scans, Mr Michael King and Mr Roy Wright.

Mr Andrew Knight (chief executive and editor-in-chief, *The Daily Telegraph*), Mr Charles Moore (editor, *The Spectator*), Mr Peter Jenkins (associate editor, *The Independent*), Mr Christopher Mitchell (El Vino's), Mr John Colvin (Brooks's), Mr James Hadley (representing the chairman, Franco-British Council), Mrs Thomas Cadett, Mrs Suzy Tennant, M Jean Lazar, Mr Simon Jenkins, Mr Anthony Blond, Mr Charles Wintour, Jak, Mr Brian Nicholson, Miss Caroline Moorehead, Miss Margaret Allen, Mr John Moorehead, Mr Doone Campbell, Mr and Mrs Walter Goetz, Mr Alastair Forbes, Mr A H K Slater, Mr G Palmer, Mr Anthony Hearn, Mr Ronald Payne, Mr and Mrs Terence Kilmartin, Mr Peter Paterson, Mr Richard Bourne, Mr Ross Benson, Mr Michael Brown, Mr and Mrs Tom Pocock, Mr and Mrs John Thompson, Mrs David Walker, Mr Anthony Sampson, Mr Ron Baird, Mr Michael Hogg, Mr and Mrs J D Rose and Mr Charles Garside.

Anniversaries

Births: Richard Baxter, Puritan minister, Rowton, Shropshire, 1615; Amelia Opie, novelist and poet, Norwich, 1769; Aleksandr Borodin, Leningrad, 1833; John William Strutt, 3rd Baron Rayleigh, physicist, Nobel laureate 1904, Maldon, Essex, 1942; Sun Yat-sen, 1st president of China 1911-12, Hsiang-shan, 1866.

Deaths: Canute the Great, king of England 1016-35 and of Denmark 1035, Shaftesbury, Dorset, 1035; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, c-in-c of the Parliamentary army, Nun Appleton, Yorks, 1671; Charles Kemble, actor, London, 1854; Elizabeth Gaskell, near Alton, Hants, 1865; Percival Lowell, astronomer, Flagstaff, Arizona, 1916; Emma *Magdalena Orczy*, Baroness Orczy, novelist, London, 1947.

Tomorrow

Births: Saint Augustine of Hippo, Tagaste (Souk-Ahras, Algeria), 354; Edward III, reigned 1327-77, Windsor, 1312; Maurice of Nassau, Prince of Orange, military leader, Dillenberg, Germany, 1567; Sir John Moore, general, Glasgow, 1761; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist, Edinburgh, 1831; Robert Louis Stevenson, Edinburgh, 1850.

Deaths: William Etty, painter, York, 1849; Gioacchino Rossini, Passy, France, 1868;

Loretto School

The Annual Service of Remembrance will take place in the Chapel on Sunday November 13, at 10.00 am. Old Lorettonians and friends of the school are most welcome to attend.

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Clifford Longley

The power of *communio*

One powerful idea suddenly seems to be at the top of the agenda in the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, in the Roman Catholic Church in this country and worldwide, in the relations between these two, and in their relations with other churches.

Perhaps only a journalist hopping between them all would be struck by the convergence so forcefully. On Monday morning last, for instance, the secretary of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Monsignor Vincent Nichols, briefed the press on the agenda for the next bishops' meeting in London. A significant item will be the relationship between bishops' conferences and Rome.

On Monday afternoon the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, addressed the General Synod on the issue of women bishops elsewhere in the Anglican Communion and the Church of England's official attitude to them, in the light of the Lambeth Conference.

On Tuesday an African bishop described movingly to the synod what the Lambeth Conference had meant to him. On Tuesday also, Cardinal Basil Hume introduced his excellent new book by talking further about the relationship of national Catholic hierarchies to Rome, and the need for certain changes in the type and frequency of international meetings to which they send delegates.

The one word all were using was *communio* or *koinonia*, sometimes translated into English as communion (which is not a direct reference to the Sacrament called Holy Communion, though not unrelated). Cardinal Hume's Towards a Civilisation of Love (Hodder, £6.95) has a chapter devoted to it, though in fact it is the theme of the whole volume.

Meanwhile, with the same word in mind, ecumenical representatives have been meeting in England and Scotland to fashion the 'new ecumenical instruments' to replace the British Council of Churches — which the Lambeth Conference in the summer was really all about. It will also be the guiding idea of Archbishop Eames's Commission, due to meet in London shortly to try to find a way out of the Anglican impasse over women bishops.

Yet it is not an easy concept to grasp. As the cardinal remarked, when he sat down to write his chapter on it he found himself rather short of source material: no-one has so far managed an exhaustive definition. Its currency in all these spheres owes a great deal to the work of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), though it is also an ancient and Biblical idea, and one fully understood in the Orthodox churches too. It is gradually becoming apparent that it was also at the heart of the Second Vatican Council, and it is beginning to replace the new images and expressions for the church — 'People of God', 'Pilgrim People' — which were fashionable immediately afterwards.

The definition of the word is becoming more precise as it is used, and as ecclesial institutions reflect on what it tells them about themselves. It refers to the quality of their inner relationships, the bonds and commitments that hold them freely together, and the criteria by which those relationships are to be conducted. And all the churches, facing similar problems, search for similar solutions.

The Lambeth Conference was preoccupied with the relationships between provinces, using the idea of *communio* — which members felt they had tangibly experienced — to express what fundamentally united them. Meanwhile the Roman Catholic Church is engaged in its own deep examination of almost the same question, and the English and Welsh bishops are about to prepare their reply to a Vatican document, circulated throughout the world, on the status of episcopal conferences. This too is all about the meaning of *communio*.

The tensions in this exercise seem clear enough. While the Vatican, according to its working document, is prepared only to regard these national or regional bishops' meetings as a convenience, conceding them little real power, some of the conferences themselves are insisting they are rather more important than that. The American bishops have gone so far as to demand the withdrawal of the Vatican document, saying it falls so far short of what is required as to be beyond amendment. The English and Welsh bishops are in no mood, it appears, to be less bold. They are planning to expose the exercise to a thorough dose of ARCIC theology - in the name of *communio*.

One repeated note struck at Lambeth was that the Anglican Communion did not want to evolve *towards* 'centralism', by which they meant the Roman Catholic example of a church dominated by its central institutions.

They would have been taken aback had they seen the American Catholic bishops' document. It does not waste words. It accuses the Vatican drafters of engaging in 'assertion rather than argument', of 'lacking historical consciousness', of 'ecumenical insensitivity', and of 'failure to attend to legitimate theological diversity.' It even accuses them of what journalists call a 'cuttings job', meaning a disguised compilation of unattributed material from already published sources.

Their argument is that conferences of bishops participate, of their nature, in the *communio* of the church and the collegiality of bishops. They therefore have, of their nature, an authority to declare and teach (and by implication to interpret) Christian doctrine.

This is not to claim, they insist, that they can invent new dogma. And there is not a shadow of a hint that the American Catholic bishops think they are entitled, irrespective of the wishes of the whole church, to proceed unilaterally with, say, the ordination of women. To that extent they are definitely not saying what the American Anglican bishops said to the Lambeth Conference. But they are saying they have a right to a good deal more freedom of thought and action (provincial autonomy) than the Vatican wants to allow them — freedom they claim in the name of *communio*. The Vatican, in other words, has *got its* doctrine wrong.

Communio has begun to take on a pretty sharp cutting edge if it leads Catholic bishops to say such unexpectedly blunt things to the Roman Catholic Church's central authority. It is a concept that is beginning to be used with confidence. And that is what is now happening in the Anglican Church too. It is a obviously a new word with quite a future.

Birthdays

Miss Lucia Popp, operatic soprano, 49

Today: Major-General Sir Gerald Duke, 78; Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, 66; Lord Goff of Chieveley, 62; Professor William Hayes, burser, St John's College, Oxford, 58; Mr J.A.S. Ingamells, director, The Wallace Collection, 54; Sir Ronald Millar, playwright and screenwriter, 69; Sir William Sutherland, chief constable, Lothian and Borders Police, 55; Mr Jeffrey Thomas, QC, 55; the Rev Dr Chad Varah, founder, The Samaritans, 77; the Marquess of Zetland, 80.

Tomorrow: Sir Ewart Bell, Civil Servant, 64; the Right Rev George Carey, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 53; Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, 74; Sir Lincoln Hallinan, barrister and magistrate, 66; M Eugène Ionesco, author, 76; Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman, BSM, 57; Miss Joan Lestor, MP, 57; Sir Arnold Lindley, former chairman, GEC, 86; Major-General J.D. Lunt, 71; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 72; Mr John Sparrow, former warden, All Souls College, Oxford, 82.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.H. Bollard
and Miss C.A. Locke
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mrs Iris and the late Mr H. Bollard, of Hallaton, Leicestershire, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Locke, of Medbourne, Leicestershire.

Mr P.A. Cross
and Miss G. Brookfield
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.R.C. Cross, of Middle Wallop, Hampshire, and Georgina, daughter of the late Colonel T. Brookfield and Mrs Brookfield, of Shrewsbury.

Mr J.A.C.S. Greaves
and Miss C. Alzetta
The engagement is announced between Adam, only son of Mr J.S. Greaves, of Glenluce, Wigtownshire, and Mrs L.S. Greaves, of Rockliffe, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Cinzia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Luigi *Alzetta, of Turnberry, Ayrshire,*

Mr E.M.W. Mason
and Miss P.M. Hallam
The engagement is announced between Edward Michael Walmsey, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Mason, of Birks, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria, and Phillipa Mary, elder daughter of the late Mr Patrick Hallam and Mrs Ann Hallam, of Lauzina, Cucugnon, Aude, France.

Lieutenant J.R. Parker
and Miss D.M. Torode
The engagement is announced between Julian Richard, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel Graham Parker, OBE, and of Mrs Parker, of Lier, Belgium, and Dominique Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Torode, of Bloomsbury, London.

Mr T.M. Rayner
and Miss L.E. Chambers
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr S.W.Rayner, of Tarporley, Cheshire, and Mrs P.B. Sayce, of Bunbury, Cheshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Chambers, of Wettenhall, Cheshire.

Mr G.E. Smith
and Miss L.K. Villiers
Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Villiers, of 1301 Jefferson Street, Napa, California announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Kathleen, to George Emerson Smith, of York, Maine. The marriage will take place on December 18, 1988, in Yountville, California.

Mr W.H. Weber III
and Miss K.D. Buckley
The engagement is announced between William H Weber III, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William H. Weber Jnr, of Orchard Park, New York, and Katharine Buckley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Buckley, of 16 Southway, London, NW11.

Luncheons and dinners

Rating and Valuation Association
The Council of the Rating and Valuation Association held a reception on November 10,to mark the opening of new headquarters at 41 Doughty Street, WC1. The President, Mr Alan Causer, Vice Presidents, Mr Richard Guy and Mr John Butler, and Director Mr Colin Farrington, received the guests including Lord Strabolgi, Mr John Heddle, MP, Mr Peter Fraser, Mr C Cochrane, QC, Professor Jack Claringbull, Mr Geoffrey Smith, Mr Roland Freeman, Mr F J Osborne, Mr A J Britton, Mr Richard Jones and Mrs Neville Nagler.

Shrievalty Association
Following their Annual General Meeting at the Drapers Hall, London on November 11, the Association held a Luncheon. The Chairman, Captain Jeremy Elwes, presided, the Guest of Honour and Speaker was Mr Charles McLachlan, HM Inspector of Constabulary, and Grace before the meal was said by the Very Reverend Eric Evans, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Among other guests was Mr G. de Deney, Clerk of the Privy Council, and Mr F.M.W.R. Neville, Master of the Drapers Company and Mrs Neville.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich
A Mess Guest Night dinner was held on Thursday in the Painted Hall of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The guests of honour were Admiral of The Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, GCB, GBE, Chief of Defence Staff and Lady Fieldhouse. Other distinguished guests included Vice Admiral Sir Anthony Troup, KCB, DSC*, Sir Donald Gosling and Professor Peter Nailor retiring Professor of History and International Affairs. Commander D R S Lewis, Commander of the College, presided.

5th (Volunteer) Bn,
The Royal Green Jackets
Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, Honorary Colonel of the 5th (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Green Jackets, presided at The Annual Camp officers dinner held at The Club Beyart in Soest, West Germany last night. The guests included Colonel F B H Wolfs, Commander 5th Bn Panzer Grenadier Brigade, Lieutenant-Colonel D H Godsal, Commanding Officer 1st Bn The Royal Green Jackets and Lieutenant-Colonel R P Cousens, Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry.

Royal engagements

Today: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall at 7.15. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also be present.

Tomorrow: At 11.00 the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph and will lay a wreath. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also be present.

Princess Margaret, as Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, will attend a concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff, in aid of the Order of St John in Wales at 7.20.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel of the Welsh Guards, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend the Welsh Guards Remembrance Sunday service in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, at 3.00.

Luncheon

City and Guilds of
London Institute
Mr H.M. Neal, Chairman of Council, and Honorary Officers of the City and Guilds of London Institute were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall in honour of recipients of the City and Guilds Insignia Award in Technology *Honoris Causa*. The guests were Lady Platt of Writtle, Sir Arnold Hall, Sir Francis Tombs, Sir Roy Griffiths, Sir Bryan Nicholson, Sir Paul Girolami, Mrs Rachel Waterhouse and Mr Stanley Kalms.

Among others present were Lord Chapple, Sir John Rowlands, Sir David Woodbine Parish, and Mr J B Harris, Past Master of the Ironmongers' Company, representing the Master.

Dinner

Cambridge University
Conservative Association
Mr Patrick Paines, Chairman of the Cambridge University Conservative Association presided at a dinner held last night in the Fellows' Combination Room, Peterhouse. The guest of honour was Professor R.L. Schuettinger; a former top Whitehouse and Pentagon Aid.

SCIENCE REPORT

It seems that guns really are dangerous

To a British citizen, it seems obvious that strict controls on hand guns create a safer society. But in the United States, supporters of 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms' argue that there is no proof that making guns harder to obtain will lower the incidence of murders. That proof may now be available in a new study that compares murder rates in Seattle, Washington with those just across the border in Vancouver, Canada where strict gun controls are enforced.

Making comparisons between cultures where handguns are available and where they are not is a tricky business. In Great Britain, guns are far more strictly controlled than they are in the United States, but concluding that handguns explain the substantial difference in murder rates between these two countries ignores a wide spectrum of cultural, social and historical differences that exist between them.

In order to construct a more meaningful comparison, John Henry Sloan and a team of doctors public health researchers at the University of Washington and the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, both in Seattle, compared crime rates in two cities only 140 miles apart but with very different approaches to handgun controls. Their account appears in this week's issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia, are similar in many respects. They are both port cities in the Pacific Northwest, have large Caucasian majorities, and share many of the same cultural values and interests. Six of the most viewed television programmes are the same in both cities.

But the similarities end when it comes to control of access to handguns. In Vancouver, handguns may not legally be purchased for self defence, and it is illegal to carry a concealed weapon. Handguns used for target shooting or collecting are strictly controlled. By contrast, in Seattle self defence is a legitimate reason to purchase a handgun, and a permit to carry a concealed weapon may be obtained in 30 days. Although there are no accurate statistics for handgun ownership in either city, estimates clearly suggest that guns are more prevalent in Seattle.

Some clear patterns emerged from crime statistics in the two cities during the period 1980 to 1983. Although frequencies of robberies and burglaries were similar, the rate of murders was 63 per cent higher in Seattle. Although assaults involving weapons were higher overall in Seattle, assaults with weapons other than handguns were about equal. Self defence did not appear to account for the differences in murder rates. Even when 'legally justifiable' murders were removed from the analysis, the risk of murder from firearms was far lower in Vancouver.

There are factors other than handguns that might explain the differences in violent crime rates between the two cities. Despite their geographical proximity, the two cities lie on opposite sides of an international boundary, and the Canadians may be a gentler people than their American neighbours. But Sloan says data show assaults with hands, fists and feet were about equal in the two cities, suggesting that violent behaviour was not unknown in Vancouver. Sloan acknowledges there may be other explanations for the differences between the cities. There could, for example, be a large number of illegal handguns that go unused in Vancouver, or possibly a larger drugs trade in Seattle provoking more violent behaviour. Scientific caution requires that Sloan hedge his bets, but his research does seem to go a long way toward proving what may seem obvious: guns can be dangerous.

Joseph Palca

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OBITUARIES

DR TOM WALSH

Founder of the Wexford Festival

T. J. Walsh, Doctor Tom to all those in Wexford, in south east Ireland, where he was born and where he died of cancer on November 8, aged 76, will be remembered by opera-goers as the founder of the Wexford Festival. Many Wexfordians will also remember him as the *anaesthetist* who helped bring them into the world and watched over their first days. There are few who have managed to run an opera house and practise medicine simultaneously.

The man who provoked Wexford into having an opera festival was Compton Mackenzie. At the beginning of the Fifties he gave a record recital cum lecture to the gramophone society of the slate-grey port on the River Slaney. At the end of the evening someone complained that it was all very well hearing singers on what in those days were 78s but how, in Wexford, was there a chance of *seeing* them? "Make your own festival" replied Monty Mackenzie. And to everyone's surprise Wexford did. Or rather Tom Walsh did. And Mackenzie agreed to become President.

It began in 1951 with an Irish opera, Balfe's *The Rose of Castille*, but quite quickly Walsh moved into the Italian *bel canto* repertory, which was his favoured period of opera at the time. The emphasis was on Donizetti and Rossini, not just the obvious pieces but operas such as *La figlia del reggimento* and *Anna Bolena* which were rarely heard at the time. By the end of the decade Walsh was attracting a new generation of Italian singers together with conductors of the calibre of Charles Mackerras and John Pritchard.

The British critics began to come to Wexford to listen to operas they were unlikely to hear elsewhere and to spot singers before the rest of Europe caught up with them. Mirella Freni and Giacomo Aragall appeared in Wexford well before they came to London. Those on their first visit did have to ask the way to Theatre Royal, where all the operas were and are staged, tucked away behind Wexford's Main Street in a narrow side street locked in by artisan houses.

Tom Walsh had established his formula: melódious and little-known operas inventively cast and simply staged. Several were the sort of works that might have been heard in Dublin a century and more ago. The Wexford Festival under Walsh began to carry far more clout than the opera seasons in Dublin. And young singers started to realise that good notices from Wexford provided a useful stepping stone in their career.

After the 1966 festival, which had a very Walshian programme of Auber's *Fra Diavolo* and Donizetti's *Lucrezia Borgia*, Dr Tom, who was not a man to shade his opinions, had a disagreement with the festival board. He was replaced by an Englishman, Brian Dickie, who was later to become General Administrator of Glyndebourne. Walsh was not pleased with this change in the festival which, artistically, he had managed to run almost single-handedly right down to the editing of the programme, in which his own face never appeared. For some time he went back only reluctantly to the theatre where once he attended every performance.

But Dickie continued the policy of Wexford much in the Walsh mould, as does the current festival director, Elaine Padmore, in going for little-known operas cast with singers on their way up. Monty Mackenzie continued as President until in his annual programme message for 1972 he wrote, sadly regretting that he could not be present, "Alas, I am now so blind that I should no longer see even the lights of Wexford."

With need no longer to spend his vacations scouring Europe for singers and conductors Tom Walsh turned his attention to operatic history. It was no surprise that he published first *Opera in Dublin 1705-1797* (1973). But he then turned to France with a history of the *Monte Carlo Opera 1879-1909* ((1975) and the *Théâtre Lyrique, Paris 1851-1870* (1981).

The Wexford wounds had healed and he came back to the festival he had created, although usually avoiding first nights. The door of his house, five minutes walk from the the Theatre Royal, was ever open both to singers and the critics, whom he realised had helped turn Wexford into an international affair.

Doctor Tom in these last years was very much the academic, eyes glittering behind bright spectacles, always ready to pounce on an error but always ready, too, in Wexford tradition with whiskey and water. He had brought grand opera to County Wexford and even a fornight ago was entertaining visitors to the 37th festival.

He was twice married and leaves a step-daughter, Victoria.

SIR ANTHONY STAINTON

Meticulous draftsman of tax legislation

Sir Anthony Stainton, KCB, QC, who as Parliamentary Counsel (1956-72), and then First Parliamentary Counsel (1972-76), was responsible for drafting much of the fiscal legislation of the period, died on November 7, at the age of 75.

After Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, he was called to the Bar in 1937, and until war came was in Chancery Chambers at Lincoln's Inn.

Commissioned in the Northumberland Fusiliers in 1940, he saw three years' service in the Mediterranean theatre.

In late 1943 the then First Parliamentary Counsel, Sir Granville Ram, urgently needed good lawyers to cope with the expected flood of post-war legislation, and specifically requested the release of Captain Stainton to join the Parliamentary Counsel.

It does not fall to many to leave the relative glamour of the practising Bar for the backroom of legislative drafting, but in that field Anthony Stainton was able to employ his analytical mind and prodigious intellect to the full.

To those who had the good fortune to work with him, his intellectual gifts were exceeded only by *his kindness* and courtesy. Though not given to suffering fools gladly (in common with some of his colleagues) he would at least allow the fool to leave the room before expressing exasperation.

To have been the author of much of our fiscal legislation in the Sixties and Seventies is a considerable distinction; but to have the confidence (and the courage) to end a complex sequence of formulae relating to capital gains tax with "and so on" — and see it work correctly — requires a rather special ability.

If Stainton had a fault it was a lack of ruthlessness. There was nothing he would not undertake. However scrappy and ill-considered the instructions, however short the time, he would work long hours to produce the draft which, when it came, gave the recipients just what they should have asked for but had not perceived.

But there was a lighter side to Anthony Stainton, a day at the point-to-point to see one of his horses run, or many hours of his favoured golf. He was a warm and friendly man.

He leaves a widow, Rachel, and three daughters.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all kindreds be blessed.
Acts 3:25

BIRTHS

ADAMS - On November 8th 1988 at the West London Hospital, to Katherine and Christopher, a daughter, Eleanor May.

BRYAN - On October 31st, 1988, at Colchester Hospital, to Mary (née O'Toole) and Rex, a son, Thomas Edward.

BREMANS - on November 7th, to Karen (Née Forster) and Alfred, a daughter Caroline Louise, a sister for Claire and James.

GRAHAM - On October 28th, 1988 to Katherine (Née Hales) and Alastair, a son Angus Duff, a sister for Letitia.

LUCAS - On November 1st, 1988, to Corinna (née Corbett-Thompson) and Alan, a daughter, Stephanie Anna, a sister for Matthew and Barnaby.

MARTIN - On November 11th, at Pembury Hospital, to Sara (née Robbins) and Nick, a son, Edward James.

McKINNELL - On November 7th to Renate and Ross, a son Hamish Alasdair Symes, a brother for Lizzie.

MULLINS - On November 8th, to Lucy (née Sixton) and Tim, a daughter, Kate Nicola.

RYDER - On November 2nd to Lorraine (née Sellars) and Paul, a daughter, Heather Louise, a sister for Victoria Jane.

WHITE - On November 9th, to Rosemary (née Brownstein) and Richard, a son Joshua James.

YAU - On November 9th, at Northampton General Hospital, to Julie (née Ng) and Jeff, a son, Adam.

DEATHS

BELL - On November 8th, Mary Dorothy Beatrice (née Pearson), also known as Julia Dexter, of Bushey Heath aged 96 years, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral 12.30 Tuesday November 15th, Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham.

BROWN - On November 10th, peacefully at home after a short illness, Margaret (née Jordan) aged 52, darling wife of Michael and adored mother of Edward, Tom and Adam. Service at Christ Church, Chorleywood on Friday November 18th at 11am. Family flowers only but at her request, donations, if wished, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund (for nursing care), c/o Brown Cooper, 7 Southampton Place, London WC1A 2DR.

CAMPBELL - On November 8th, in Milton Regis Hospital, Sittingbourne, Kent, Joan Molly, aged 78 years, former matron of Sheppey General Hospital. Service at Medway Crematorium on Friday November 18th at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations if desired for Milton Regis Hospital, to F. High & Sons Ltd, 1 Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

COHEN - On 9th November 1988, Alfred Samuel. Much loved by his sons Paul and Richard, daughter Patricia, brothers Edwin and Sydney, sisters Elsie and Edith and their families.

CRAWFORD - On Wednesday November 9th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Eric Oliver, much loved husband of Sarah and father of Clare, Tanya and Lorna. Cremation for family and close friends on Wednesday November 16th, at 12.30pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Samaritans, Leatherhead. Memorial Service to be announced soon.

[illegible] - On November 9th 1988, at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Basil, Lieut. Commander, Royal Navy (retd), late of Pens Cottage, Wattisfield Road, Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk, darling husband of Ros, father of Roger and Patricia and grandpa of Jessica, Guy, Andrew, Nicholas, Bridget and Emily. Funeral service at Euston Church, Euston, near Thetford, Norfolk on Monday November 14th at 2.30 pm. No flowers but please donate to St. Nicholas' Hospice, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds.

KNAPP - On November 9th, tragically, Lindsay Randolph (Bill), dearly loved brother of Betty and Jean and Great Uncle Bill to the younger generation. Funeral at Canfield, 11.00 am Thursday November 17th followed by private cremation.

LEWIS - On November 7th, 1988, in hospital, Duncan, aged 64 years, of Inkpen. Dearly beloved husband of [illegible] and cherished father of Ian and [illegible]. Funeral service at Inkpen Church, near Newbury on Wednesday November 16th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Dr. Bell's Cardiac Fund, Battle Hospital, Reading.

LIDDELL - On November 8th peacefully Col. Lionel Arthur O.B.E. T.D. Husband of the late Beatrice. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday November 15th 1988 at 11.15am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, c/o H A Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Rd, Salisbury.

MARDON - On Friday October 28th 1988, tragically in a road accident, Lucy Mardon O.B.E. of Ardross House, Ross-Shire, Scotland, a beloved sister and aunt. Requiem Mass was concelebrated at St Joseph's Church, Invergordon on November 2nd. Private burial thereafter at Ardross. R.I.P.

MARLING - On November 9th, 1988, Marjorie, Lady Marling, wife of the late Gus March-Phillipps and the late John Marling. Funeral at All Saint's Church, Selsley, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, at 2.30 on Thursday November 17th. All enquiries and flowers to Philip Ford and Son, Stroud. Tel: Stroud 3892. Donations if desired to The League of Friends, Broadmoor Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire. Thanksgiving Service in London to be announced later.

MAWER - On November 10th 1988, peacefully after a short illness, Jane of Stalbridge, Dorset, a devoted and much loved wife of John and mother of Fred. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Stalbridge, Dorset at 2.30pm on Tuesday November 15th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the West Dorset Hospice Macmillan Service. C/o Peter Jackson, Funeral Directors, Mons, High Street, Henstridge, near Templecombe, Somerset. Tel: 0963 62570

NOBLE - On November 9th 1988 in hospital, Commodore Charles Patrick Cay Noble C.B.E., D.S.C., V.R.D., D.L., R.N.R. Much loved father of David and family. Family funeral and flowers. Donations if wished to the Brain Research Trust, Institute of Neurology, 1 Wakefield St, London, WC1N 1PJ.

O'NEILL - On November 10th at Wellington, Somerset, Evelyn Louise (née Forbes-Fraser) in her 93rd year.

SOMMERVILLE - On November 11th, peacefully in hospital, George Ferguson, beloved husband of Margaret and much loved father of Eve, Viv and Sheila. Funeral at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham at 12.30 pm on Thursday November 17th. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research Fund.

STONE - On November 10th, in hospital with his family after a long painful illness, Maurice of Brookfield, Leigh, Lancs, darling husband of Mary, most loving and loved father of Philippa and Michael and adored Grandfather of Nicholas and Matthew. No flowers please. Donations prefered to continue his work in heart disease prevention to H.D.P.S., Grasmere Street Health Centre, Leigh. A thanksgiving service for his life to be announced later. All enquiries to Sankey Funeral Service, 5-7 Hope Street, Leigh, Lancs. Tel: (0942) 673171.

THISTLE SUFFERN - On November 7th, Ruby, widow of Roy. Funeral at Woking Crematorium 2.30 on Tuesday 15th. Instead of flowers a donation to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, or any hospice.

TURNEY - On Thursday November 10th, peacefully at Lynwood Nursing Home, Northampton, Thomas Henry Turney, CBE, aged 96 years, farmer of Quinton Greens, Northampton, dearly loved and respected by his late wife Mary, his seven children, James, William, Ruth, George, Paul, Edmund, Andrew and twenty one grandchildren. The Funeral Service will take place at St. George's Church, Wootton, Northants on Tuesday, November 15th at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Quinton Church Restoration Fund to H. W. Mason and Sons, 9, High Street, Newport Pagnell. (0908) 611112

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FIELDSEND - A memorial service for Eric Fieldsend ex Director of The Imperial Group will be held at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, Near Bristol on December 13th 1988 at 2pm.

HARRIS - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Valerie Breame Harris (née Beuttler) who died on the 26th October 1988, will be held at The Parish Church of Manaccan, Near Helston, Cornwall on Saturday November 19th at 11.30am.

McFETRIDGE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ian Graham McFetridge will be held at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London WC1, on December 8th 1988 at 6pm.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

STALLARD R.J. - Lieut RNAS, November 11-13 1917. Remembering with pride my beloved Dick. Sheila.

MARRIAGES

BANKS:WILLMOTT - On November 5th, at St Bartholomew's Church, Binley, Coventry, David Raymond only son of Mr and Mrs W A Banks of Chingford, Essex to Janice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W Willmott of Hinckley, Leicestershire.

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HILDA - I love you and will miss you more than you could ever know. Alan.

IN MEMORY of the Honourable Kingman Brewster, a Book of Condolence will be open at the American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London, from Monday November 14th until Wednesday November 16th, from 9.30 a.m. until 5.30p.m.

SALBAING:FLOWERS - On October 29th at St Agatha's Church, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford, a Service of Blessing of the marriage of Rosalind, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.H Flowers of Stewart Memorial, Brightwell, to Christian, son of M and Mdme P Salbaing of Place Belvedere, Montreal, Quebec.

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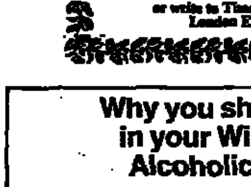

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-AND-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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Dated the 12th November 12988
Freshfields of Walden House.
17-24 Cathedral Place London EC4M 7JA
Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 004471 of 1988
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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MR. JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES
IN THE MATTTER OF
BEECHAM GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 10th October 1988 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named company by £277,800,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27th October 1988.
Dated this 11th day of November 1988
Simmons & Simmons.
14 Dominion Street.
London.
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Solicitors for the above-named Company.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING
IN THE MATTER OF
CUSTOMTIME LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Customtime Limited will be held at Willow House, 47 West Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1SJ on Friday the 18th day of November 1988 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 and 100.

Mr Iain Timothy Thomson of Brooks Carling, 8-10 South Street, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7PF will provide the Creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until Thursday 17th November 1988.

Dated this 4th day of November 1988
K ADAMS
Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 005733 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF
CLAREMONT (UK) plc
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 17th October, 1988 confirming (a) the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £2,687,895.56½p to £420,000 and (b) the cancellation of its Share Premium Account amounting to £1,617,047.37 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 28th October, 1988.
Dated this 12th day of November 1988
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London EC2V 6AD

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006126 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF
APPLEYARD GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, the 21st day of November 1988.

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Dated this 9th day of November 1988
Booth and Co
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Sovereign House
South Parade
LEEDS LS1 1HQ
Ref. PJC

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
CH 1988 T No. 006193
IN THE MATTER OF
TAYLORPLAN SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th October 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

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Dated this 12th day of November 1988
SIMMONDS CHURCH SMILES & CO.,
13 BEDFORD ROW,
LONDON WC1R 4BU
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
CH 1988 T No. 006194
IN THE MATTER OF TAYLORPLAN CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 12th day of November 1988
SIMMONDS CHURCH SMILES & CO.,
13 BEDFORD ROW,
LONDON WC1R 4BU
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006239 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF
HAMPSON INDUSTRIES PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 24th October 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 21st November 1988.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said Cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requesting the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 10th day of November 1988
Edge & Ellison, Hatwell Pritchett and Co.
Rutland House
148 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2JR
Ref: BKR/DHR
Solicitors for the said Company

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BEATON - Ada Margaret Grindall otherwise Ada Margaret Grindall of 4 Routh Road, London SW18 died on 2nd July 1988. Particulars to Easton Kinch & Bailey Solicitors of 3 Bolt Court, Fleet St., London EC4A 3DX before 13th January 1989.

BARNI - Queen Rambhai known as Rambhai Barni Princess of Sukhodaya of Sukhodaya Palace, Bangkok, Thailand died on 22nd May 1984. Particulars to Easton Kinch & Bailey Solicitors of 3 Bolt Court, Fleet St., London EC4A 3DX before 13th January 1989.

SMITH, ANTHONY DAVID CHRISTIE, 39 Sloane Avenue, London S.W.3. died 31st July 1988; particulars to Messrs. Rollit Farrell & Bladon Solicitors, PO Box 77, King William House, Market Place, Hull HU1 1YJ before 15th January 1989.

HAZAN, SIR JOHN BORIS RODERICK, 43 Marlborough Mansions, Cannon Hill, London NW6, died 19th August 1988, particulars to Sankeys Reynolds & Co Solicitors, 67 High Street, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire B50 4BG, before 16th January 1989.

ROBSON, ELSIE MAY, 18 Tilt Road, Cobham, Surrey formerly of 323 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, London SW3 died 2nd August 1988; particulars to Harbottle & Lewis Solicitors, Hanover House, 14 Hanover Square, London W1R 0BE before 1st February 1989.

JONES Elise Constance of Thames Bank, Goring, Reading, Berks. Formerly of Flat 4, 26 Bryanstone Square, London W.1. died on 15th March 1988. Particulars to Edwin Coe, Solicitors of 11 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3TH before 13th January 1989.

Church services tomorrow

4th Sunday fter Trinity

NTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 30 M: 10.45 Service of Remembrance. Turn back O Man (Holst). shall grow not old (Elgar). eral Sir H Beach: 12 S Euch. ssa in honorem Sancti Dominici bora): 3.15 E. Requiem aeternam dout). Responses (Tomkins). Glou ter Service (Howells). In paradisum aure): 6.30 ES. Rev P R Heartfield.

RK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 9.30 : 10.30 S Euch. Darke in F. Canon Hockley: 4 E. Stanford in A. sponses (Rose). Cantique de Jean cine (Faure). Very Rev J Southgate.

PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 30 M & Commemoration of the llen, Jubilate in B flat (Walton), Te um in G (Vaughan Williams). Very v E Evans: 11.30 HC. Stanford in Agnus Dei, war Requiem (Britten): 15 E. Darke in F. There is an old lief (Parry). Rt Rev K Woollcombe.

STMINSTER ABBEY: 8, 11.40 : 10.30 Remembrance Service. My Soul there is a country (Parry). The Kontakion. For the Fallen (Guest): 3 E. Responses (Ayleward). Chichester Service (Berkeley). Take him earth for cherishing (Howells). Sir R O'Brien: 5.45 Organ Recital: 6.30 ES. Rev D Gray.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Stanford in B flat. Give rest O Christ (Contakion). Requiem aeternam (Plainsong). Canon P Penwarden: 3 E. Walmisley in D minor. Justorum animae (Byrd). Very Rev D L Edwards.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM. Messe de Requiem (Faure). 12, 5.30 7 SM: 3.30 V & B. Bone pastor (Tallis).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM: 11 HM. Act of Remembrance; Requiem (Faure). Archbishop of Southwark.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Two minute silence followed by Matins. Festival (Vaughan Williams). Greater Love Hath no Man (Ireland). The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC: 10.45 Remembrance Service & HC. Greater love hath no Man (Ireland). Rt Rev K Giggall OBE.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 10.55 M. Nothing is here for tears (Vaughan Williams). War time favourites (arr. Tomlinson). The Blues and Royals. The Chaplain: 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 10.55 Divine Service. Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 10.50 Wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial; 11.10 Remembrance Service.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 10.55 M, Short Service (Weelkes). Hear my prayer (Purcell). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11 The Silence, MP. Responses (Smith), Britten in C. There is an old belief (Parry). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9, 12.15 HC: 10.50 Remembrance Day Service, Stanford in B flat. Greater Love hath no Man (Ireland). Rt Rev L J Ashton.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 10.55 Act of Remembrance & M. Stanford in B flat. Turn back, O Man (Holst), Rev J Blease: 3.30 E. Salvator mundi (Tallis). Blair in B minor. My soul there is a country (Parry).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 10.55 S Euch, Rev R Dixon: 2.45 Remembrance Service for the Reconnaissance Corps.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM: 11 HM, Missa 'Quand lo pens' (Lassus), Hostias et preces (Henschel), Rev G A Reddington: 6 E & B, Purcell in E minor, Justorum animae (Byrd), Rev S J Hobbs.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC: 10.55 Remembrance Day Service, Church Family Communion, Rev D Turner: 6.30 Rev K Swithinbank.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 10.55 Remembrance Service, Rev J H L Cross: 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch, Rev S Acland: 6 Requiem (Faure).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 10.55 S Euch, Requiem Mass (Duruflé), Charles Brown.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662): 11 M, Rev J A K Millar: 6.30 ES, Rev N K Lee.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30, 12.05 HC: 11 MP, Rev M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30, 11 SM, Requiem Mass (Faure), Preb J Gaskell: 5.30 LM.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Remembrance Service, Requiem (Cardoso), Canon J Oates: 6.30 Responses (Radcliffe), Noble in B minor, Requiem (Duruflé), Lux aeterna (Kyrie), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley), Rev J Vine: 6 E & B.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion: 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 10.55 S Euch, Ireland in C, Greater love hath no man (Ireland). The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC: 10.45 MP, Rev G C Taylor: 6.30 Rev P J Galloway.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 11 MP: 6.30 EP, Rev M Parker.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 11 S Euch, Requiem (Faure).

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Requiem (Faure). The Vicar: 6 Remembrance Service.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC: 10 Parish Euch with Sunday School, Rev T Harkin: 6.30 Evening Worship, Rev T Birchard.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S Euch, Requiem Mass (Faure), In Paradisum (Faure): 6.30 E, Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.30 MP, Greater Love (Ireland). Rev M Bunchers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 10 Family Communion: 11 S Euch, Darke in A minor, Kontakion, Rev K White.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC: 11 M. The Rector.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662): 9.45 Euch, Rev M Henwood: 11.30 MP, Rev S Roberts: 2.45 Chinese Service (EP), Rev G Lee: 4.30 E: 6.30 EP, Rev S Roberts.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch: 11.15 M, The Vicar: 6.30 E, Rev A Boddy.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM: 11 HM, Requiem (Faure), Fr J Gilling: 6.15 E & B.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 MP, Rev D C L Prior: 7 ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Requiem (Faure).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC: 10.55 S Euch, A song of Battle (Stanford), So they gave their bodies (Aston), Rev O Clarke.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC (1662), 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Kodaly), Rev D B Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC: 11 Remembrance Service, Greater love hath no Man (Ireland), Preb J Pearce: 6.30 E, Guest Service, Almighty God who hast me brought (Ford), Call to remembrance (Farrant), Preb J Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM: 10.55 HM, Missa Simile est regnum (Guerrero), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Here at Thine altar Lord (Rowley), Fr C Colven: 6 E & B, Fr J Towers.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa pro defunctis (Victoria), In paradisum (Faure): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 10.45 Rev J H McIndoe: 3 London Scottish Parade Service, Rev J H McIndoe: 6.30 Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 10.45 Remembrance Service: 6.30 Rev Dr K G Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM: 11 SM.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: Missa Pro Defunctis (Lobo)

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa pro defunctis (Victoria), Versa est in luctum (Lobo)

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 10.55 Requiem (Victoria).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass, Officium Defunctorum (Victoria), Dies Irae (Plainchant), 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11 Solemn Requiem Mass of Remembrance (Anerio, Casciolini, Faure).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev E Waugh: 6.30 Phil Turner.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Rev G Lovell: 6 HC, Rev M Braddy.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev L Griffiths: 6.30 Rev M Rothwell.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 2, 6.30 Arthur Blessit (USA).

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 10.55 Rev G J Bakker: 6 Mr T Jasper.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev R T Englund: 7 Choral V, Aus tiefer Not (Franck), Rev T Bruch.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev E Ungoed-Davies.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev F Thewlis.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 10.45, 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

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Thanksgiving service

Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Drummond

A thanksgiving service for the life and work of Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Drummond was held at the Chapel, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea on November 11, 1988, at 11 am.

The Reverend Denys Bartlett, The Chaplain to the Royal Hospital officiated. The Lesson was read by Major General T.S. Hart, the Represenative Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and an Appreciation was given by Major General A.J. Shaw, The Director General Army Medical Services. Among the very large congregation attending were:

Major General and Mrs W.D. Hughes (representing Lady Drummond); Mrs A.J. Shaw, Lieutenant-General Sir James and Lady Baird, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard and Lady Bradshaw, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Reay, Dr G.D.M. Drew (representing Lieutenant General Sir Robert and Lady Drew, General Sir Roland Guy (Governor of The Royal Hospital) and Lady Guy, Surgeon Captain J. Bertram, RN, (representing The Surgeon General, Defence Medical Services Directorate), Major General R. Scott (Commandant and Post Graduate Dean, Royal Army Medical College) and Mrs Scott, Major-General P.J. Beale (Commander Medical United Kingdom Land Forces) and Mrs Beale, Major-General M. Brown (Director of Army Medicine) and Mrs Brown, Major-General J.T. Coull (Director of Army Surgery) and Mrs Coull, Brigadier P. Abraham (Director of Army Psychiatry) and Mrs Abraham, Colonel C. Roberts (representing The Director of Army Dental Services), Colonel J.M. Field, QARANC (representing The Director of Army Nursing Services), Brigadier Forsythe-Jauch (Commanding Officer, Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital) and Mrs Forsythe Jauch, Sir Hamish Forbes Bart (representing The Order of St John), Dame Anne Bryans (representing The British Red Cross Society), General Sir Nigel Tapp (representing The Lady Grover Hospital Fund), Viscountess Slim, Lady Templer, Sir James Cameron, Lady Riches, Lady Tuker, Sir Glyn Jones, Lady Geraghty, Dr Zia Mohyuddin (representing the Pakistan Ambassador), Major-General and Mrs B Livesey, Major-General and Mrs J.M. Matheson, Major-General and Mrs K.F. Stephens, Major-General and Mrs R.N. Evans, Major-General M.H.P. Sayers, Major-General and Mrs R.J. Gray, Major-General and Mrs J. Lapper, Major-General and Mrs T.W. Carrick, Major-General and Mrs R.J.G. Morrison, Major-General and Mrs D.S.Paton, Major-General and Mrs H. Quinlan, Rear-Admiral Royer Dick, Major-General P.L. De C. Martin, Brigadier S.H. Jankoum, Brigadier M.F.H. and Dame Joan Kelleher, Brigadier H. Cattanach, Brigadier and Mrs D.D. O'Brien, Brigadier R.H. Freeman, Brigadier I.C. Crawford, Brigadier A.C. Ticehurst, Colonel R.S. Vine, Colonel and Mrs J.A. Brunt, Colonel M.B. Mummery, Colonel B. Tasker, QARANC, Colonel G.N. Brown, Colonel D. Whitfield, Colonel T. Cooper-Tydeman, Colonel and Mrs S. Lundie, Colonel W.K. Lervy, Lieutenant-Colonel C.F. Fagg, Regimental Secretary, Royal Army Medical Corps, and very many other friends and associates.

Memorial service

The Right Rev John Poole-Hughes

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Hereford at a memorial service for the Right Rev John Poole-Hughes held yesterday in Llandaff Cathedral. The Dean of Llandaff officiated, assisted by the Archdeacon. Mr John Cory and the Archbishop of Wales read the lessons, and the Right Rev David Reece gave an address.

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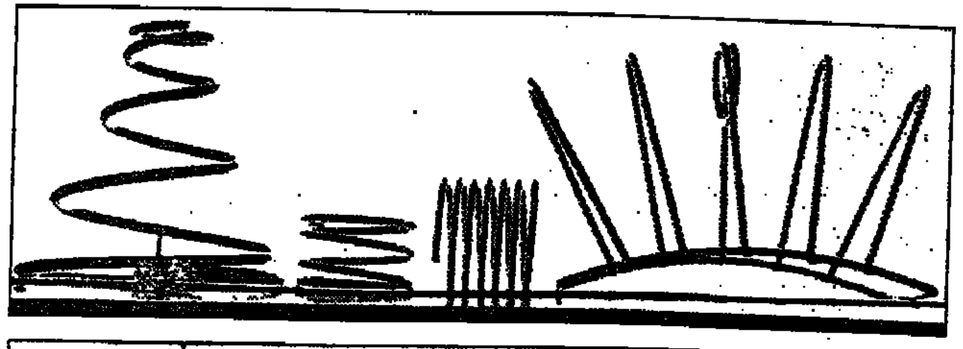

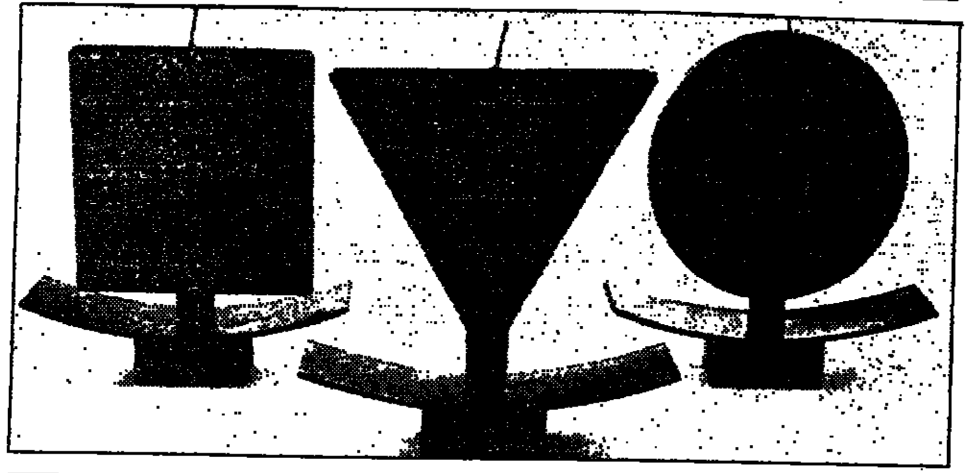

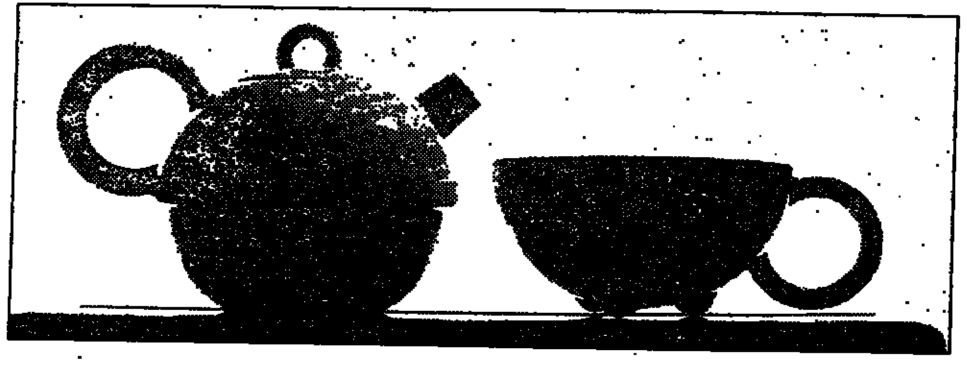

Nicole Swengley finds some bright and early ideas for Christmas – from matt black candles to fishy platters

Advent may be three weeks away, but the Oxford Street lights are already in full blaze, and Christmas has begun in the London stores. What do they have to tempt early shoppers?

Top marks for unusual and interesting ideas go to The Conran Shop with Liberty, Heal's and The General Trading Company close behind. Anyone in search of slick gadgetry and "hip" gifts might head for specialist shops like Troika, F.FWD and the new Oggetti store, while those looking for more decorative ideas might try Barclay & Bodie and Graham & Green. Harrods, with its Edwardian Christmas theme, is full of nostalgically festive soupçons this year, while Frog Hollow and Neal Street East's oriental basement are both excellent sources of stocking fillers for adults and children alike.

Above left: Clever curly candlestick (£10 per pair), egg cup (£10.95 for four), napkin ring (£11.95 for four) and toast rack (£12.95) from Nick Munro (winner of a Young Entrepreneur of 1988 award), fashioned from a spiral of silver-plated wire. Marketed under the name of Trinkets, stocked at The Conran Shop and branches of Next Interior throughout the country

Left: Unusual black candles, made in France using animal-free wax, come with their own stained wood stands. They cost £26 each from The Conran Shop

Below left: From Liberty in London, a two-piece teacup-cum-teapot, £21.95, made by Arberg in white china, which separates when in use but slots together for storage

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The Conran Shop, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-589 7401).
F.FWD, 14a Newburgh Street, London W1 (01-439 0091) and 261 King's Road, SW3 (01-352 8573).
Frog Hollow, 15 Victoria Grove, London W8 (01-581 5493).
The General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-730 0411).
Graham & Green, 4 & 7 Elgin Crescent, London W11 (01-727 4594).
Harrods, Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-730 1234).
Heal's, 196 Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-636 1666).
Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234).
Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2 (01-240 0135).
Oggetti, 101 Jermyn Street, London SW1 (01-930 4694).
Troika, 62 New King's Road, London SW6 (01-736 2401).

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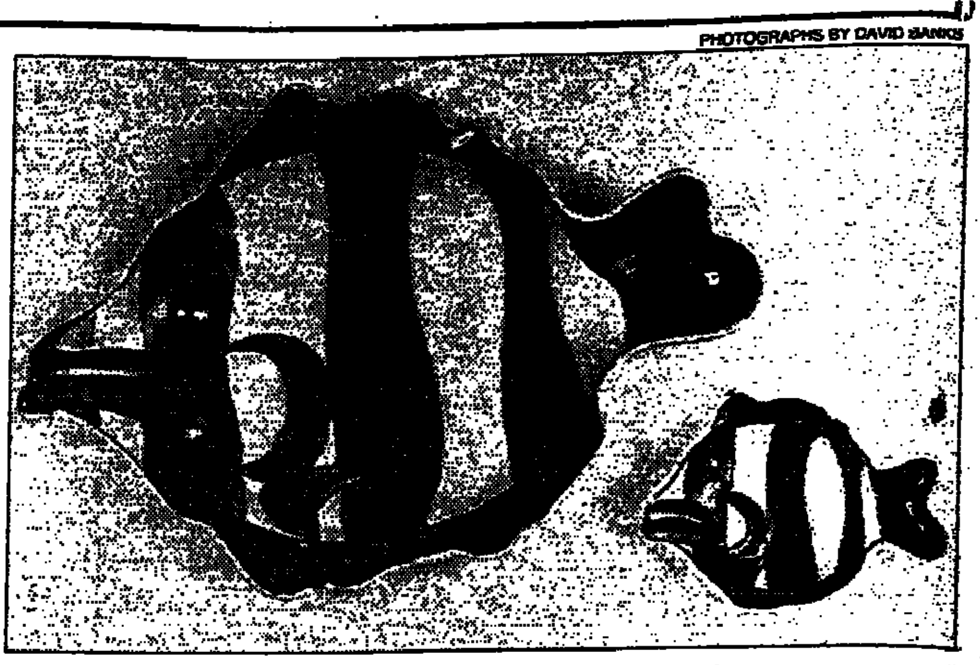
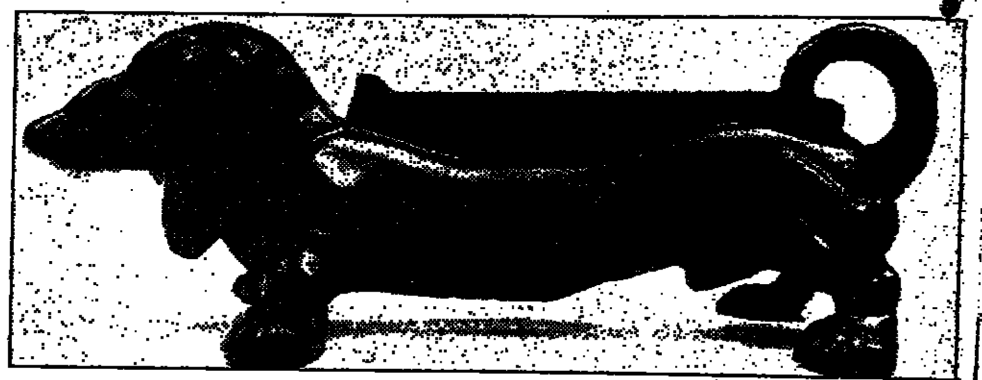


Above: If fish cakes are your fancy, this handsome Italian blue and white striped porcelain platter is just the thing to use for serving them – or indeed, far grander fish dishes. It costs £50 from a selection in Liberty's; small fry: £8.95

Left: More usually associated with decorative ceramics, in particular traditional spongeware, Emma Bridgewater has now transferred her attentions to decorative glassware; using similar methods to her hand-sponged ceramics, she has chosen 24 per cent lead crystal in solid, traditional shapes on which to create patterns, hand-etched with acid. Decanter, £79.20, and tumbler, £20.90, decorated with vine leaves; and plain goblet, £31.90, from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge

Below: Enhance a wholesome country image with Hunter boots in the hallway and a bristly hedgehog shoe-buffer (not shown, £26.40) or a sturdy dog boot-scraper, £15, which is 14in of solid cast iron, from The General Trading Company



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WORD-WATCHING

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HOOLACHAN
(c) Also *hullachan*, etc., a Highland reel, especially the Reel of Tulloch, from the Gaelic *ruidhle* reel + *Thulachain* Tullochian, in Strathspey.

VOTEEN
(a) A devotee, oblate, very religious person, probably from *devote* but there is a possible connection with the Irish *moidin dedicatee*: "One of the class that is called in Scotland 'The unco guid', and 'voteens' among ourselves."

NAAM
(a) The act of taking another's goods by way of distraint, goods or chattels taken in this way, from the Old English noun or nám: "Prohibited Naam is an unjust taking the cattle of another, or driving them to an unlawful place."

HABOOB
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Joining the chain gang

Designers have always been fascinated by bikes. **Deyan Sudjic** reports from the wheel world

The real star of *American Gigolo* was the highly strung, shimmering silver racing bike that never left the wall of Richard Gere's apartment. It just lay there, next to the other props of the California good [illegible]fe: the praying mantis Tizio [illegible], the metallic blinds, the [illegible]art blender. Expensive, [illegible]lly made and suffering [illegible] conspicuous redun[illegible] a titanium diver's [illegible] the wrist of an [illegible] copywriter, ca[illegible]traordinary feats of [illegible]ut never called on [illegible]em.

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Yet the bicycle *is* an object that can legitimately be enjoyed from an aesthetic and a technical viewpoint. It has always had a curious fascination for designers. It was riding his Adler around the Bauhaus, for example, that gave Marcel Breuer the idea of using [illegible]ular steel to make furniture. And in recent years there have been many attempts to improve the basic [illegible]onfiguration of the modern [illegible]icycle, which dates back to [illegible]e 1880s.

Nobody has done better [illegible]an Alex Moulton, who was [illegible] some ways the victim of his [illegible]wn success. The original Moulton bicycle of the 1960s was visually distinctive and technically inventive. The point of small wheels was to reduce weight, to improve roadholding, and to make for an easier ride. Small wheels reduce the inertia of the bike, so you don't have to pedal so hard. Unfortunately, Moulton's many imitators simply went for small wheels. Without the benefit of his patented suspension system they gave a rough ride, and gave the whole idea of small wheels a bad name.

Moulton, who licensed the original bike, has started manufacturing again on his own. He works on a small scale, and sets high prices that keep his products out of the mass market. The new bikes, which use an open-space frame, are tailored to specific tasks. There is a new all-terrain model as well as the more conventional Jubilee model.

They have the seductive, polished looks that come from well-resolved engineering and careful manufacturing, as well as superb performance.

Tom Gilbey, the fashion *designer, who rides a string of* bicycles, including one of his own design, was very impressed by his all-terrain Moulton, a machine with 20-inch wheels, wide section tyres and independent front and rear suspension.

"It feels very sturdy, but it's amazingly light, and it has perfect balance. I sat on it and felt completely at home right away. It's very comfortable, has very definite gears and the suspension is unbelievable." Gilbey's only complaint is that the Moulton would be too easy to ride. "I'd never get any exercise on it."

Other attempts to produce lightweight bikes that look good have been less successful technically. The Strida is marketed like a fashion accessory. Its triangular aluminium frame is designed to fold up like a penknife into a pogo stick configuration.

The oily grease of the chain has been abolished by using a rubber belt. The makers claim that it takes just seven seconds to open and click the frame into place. But to make the trick possible, they have had to weaken the structure; consequently the brochure contains such disconcerting admonitions as "do not ride over kerbs or deep potholes" and "do not allow anyone over 16 stone to ride it".

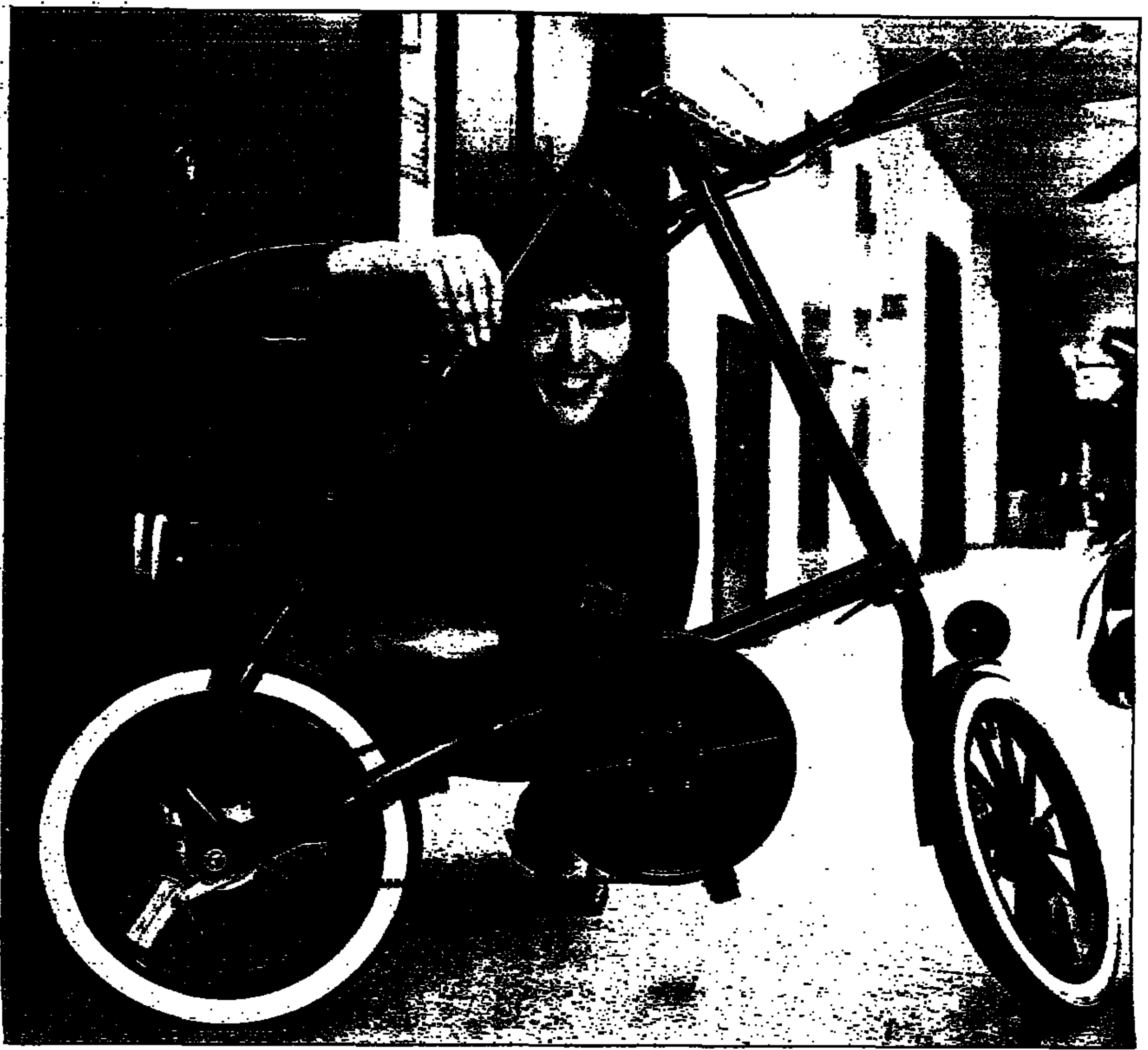
Gill Hudson, editor of *Company* magazine and an experienced cyclist, was less than impressed. "It's less a designer bike, more a fashion victim. The balance is extraordinary, with the centre of gravity very far back. It makes you feel very unsteady and fragile.

"The good things are that it is light, it is easily foldable, and there is no greasy chain; but it has no gears, and it's not for the serious cyclist."

A more successful attempt at redefining the bicycle comes from Michael Strutt, a former *Financial Times* journalist who designed the Worksong, an attempt to marry good performance with the convenience of folding.

Kevin Stoney, a composer, who has a series of bikes ranging from a folding Dawes to a tandem, was reasonably impressed. "It manoeuvres well in and out of traffic. It looks like a hybrid mixture of shopping bike, folding bike and mountain bike. It's light, and has a strong frame, with a smooth gear change, but there are only six gears so it's not so good for steep hills.

"It's not compact enough or light enough to carry on to a train, which is what a lot of people want a folding bike for. It's geared for the boot of a car, and is perhaps a little expensive for what it is."



Cyclist framed: Gill Hudson, editor of Company, sees through the light, folding Strida; £189. (For stockists tel 0285 60333)

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Carried away: Floris van den Broecke, RCA professor, covets Moulton's Jubilee: £1,325. (Stockists tel 0221 65895)

Tuned in: Kevin Stoney, a composer, tries the Worksong, £395, built to order by Michael Strutt (tel 01-888 5650)

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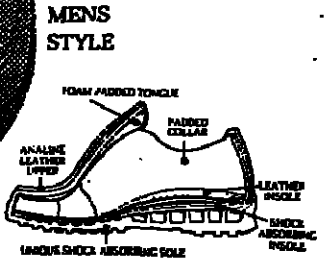

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Once again, a time for remembering at the Cloth Hall at Ypres

Veterans recall the days a lifetime away

By Alan Franks

Three score and ten years, literally a lifetime, after the end of the First World War, a handful of British veterans with an average age of 92 travelled back through the killing fields of their youth to celebrate Armistice Day at Ypres yesterday.

For some it was the first trip back since the "war to end all wars" took the lives of almost one million of their contemporaries, and the emotion was nearly too much to bear.

Their last memory of "Wipers" and the surrounding countryside stretching away towards Passchendaele Ridge was as a quagmire of mud and corpses. By the close of the war hardly a stone remained standing in Ypres and the 20 miles around.

Yesterday they were joined by the Duke of Kent and General Sir Edward Burgess, President of the Royal British Legion, at mass at St George's Church.

They also attended a highly charged Last Post ceremony, held in the vastness of the town's Menin Gate, upon which are the names of 55,000 United Kingdom and Commonwealth soldiers.

The 12 veterans had made the journey by joining one of the War Graves pilgrimages sponsored by the Government and the British Legion.

The veterans who crossed the channel from Dover early on Wednesday ranged in age from 89 to 96; for the most part sound in wind and limb, and with a stock of memories which remain all too vivid, they travelled by coach almost along the 1914 route taken by the British Expeditionary Force.

They seemed to fall into an intense, watchful silence as the flatlands rolled past but the signpost to Arras sparked a sudden rush of recollections for Mr George Basford, aged 89, who, like many of his comrades, joined up at 15.

"Even when the war was over, I was still too young to join up," he said. "Towards the end, early in 1918, I was sent out on a working party. After that, I don't remember anything – not a thing, except becoming conscious in the King Edward VII hospital in Windsor. It must have been a blast. Although I was devoid of wounds as such, I had two broken legs and a smashed pelvis and internal trouble."

Mr Basil Farrer, aged 91, believes himself to be the youngest Old Contemptible. Mr Farrer, fiercely independent and robust, bridles if asked about the military strategies of Flanders. "That's not for me to say. It's not for a regular soldier to pass judgement on his commanding officers. He is not in a position. It would be ignorant and impertinent and something I would never do."

Like others of the 12 British Legion veteran pilgrims, he wondered whether it had all really taken place, or been a dream from which he had spent the rest of his life gradually awakening. "And then you think back hard and you know it really happened. But you don't remark on these things to your family. There aren't any words to convey it."

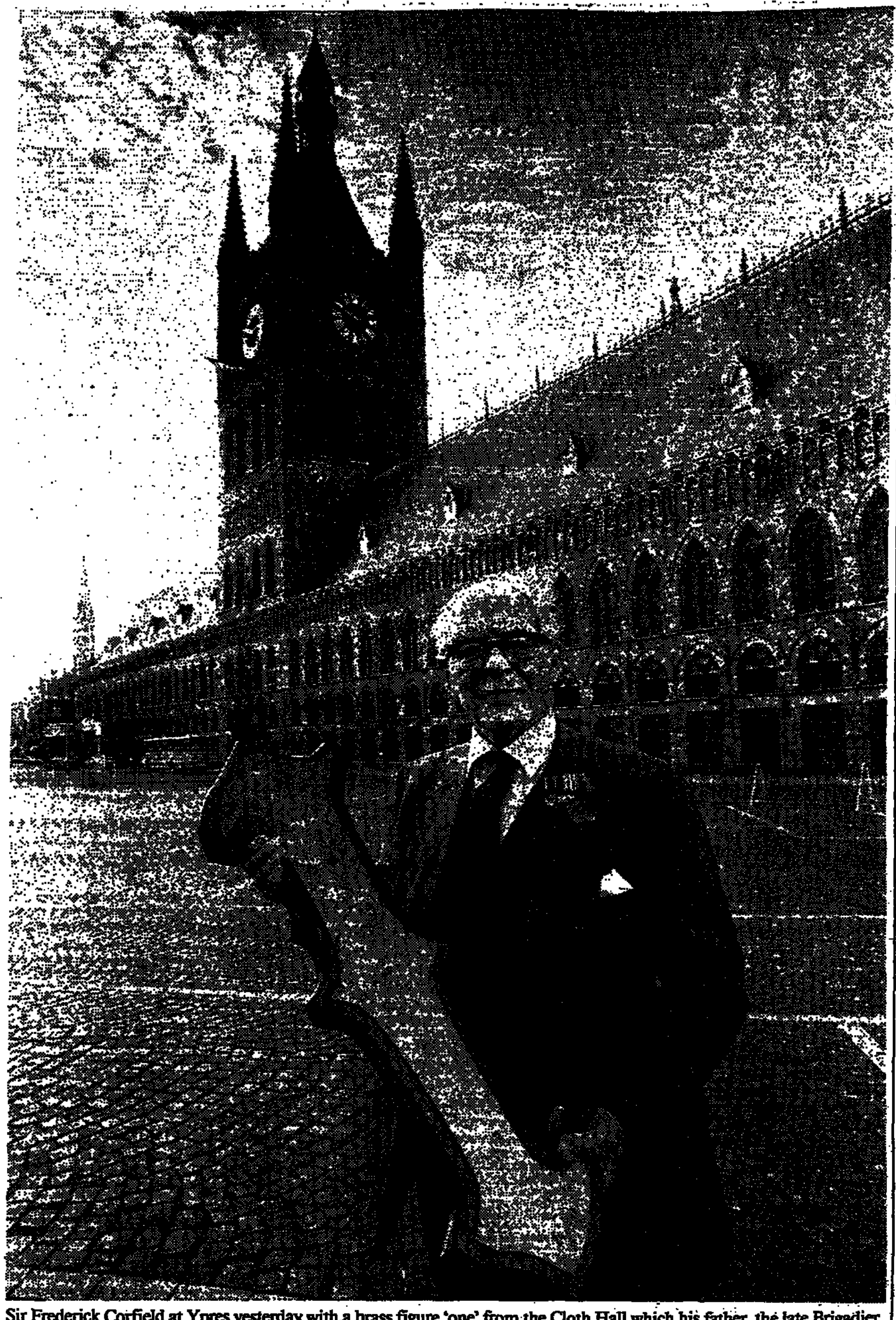
For men like Mr Basford, Flanders today, with its placid agricultural landscape, pierced here and there by the immaculate cemeteries with their unbroken white ranks of headstones, represents the public greening of a personal hell. Nowhere is this truer than at Vimy Ridge, where in 1917 more than 11,000 Canadian troops perished alongside their British allies. The Ridge, with its notorious Hill 145, has become a 250-acre memorial park.

Standing on the face of a landscape still pocked and tortured by crater shelves but now stubbled in lush grass and spruce tree copses, some of the veterans fell silent again. "I never realized just how close together the British and German trenches were," said one British ex-serviceman, who served in the Second War and was visiting Flanders to see his grandfather's grave for the first time. "Look at that. It can't be more than 50 yards."

Mr Donald Price, aged 90, who served with the Public School battalion of the Royal Fusiliers, said: "You could say that all this, as far as the eye can see on every side, was just mud with bits of dead horses and arms and sunk equipment, all covered in mustard gas, and that somewhere with a name like Sanctuary Wood was in reality just a few burnt-out stumps."

Not all the veterans on the pilgrimage spent their war years in the trenches. Mr Joseph Armstrong, aged 93, was captured in October 1914. By the end of the war he weighed 5 st 13 lbs and had been sent to a hospital to die. "I was ready for it. Then, on November 12th, a few hours after Armistice, I heard the news and I said to myself 'Joe lad, tho'st stuck it out till now. Thou canst stick it out a little longer.' And I did, didn't I."

There are now believed to be fewer than 150 "Old Contemptibles."



Sir Frederick Corfield at Ypres yesterday with a brass figure 'one' from the Cloth Hall which his father, the late Brigadier Corfield, retrieved when the building was destroyed. Sir Frederick returned it mounted on a piece of English elm.

Royal tribute to French war dead

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well as a poignant reminder of the dreadful losses suffered by both armies during the two World Wars.

The last time British bearskins had swung past the great monument commemorating Napoleon's 172 victories (not a few of them over the British) was in 1815, when the conquered French were forced to endure the indignity.

Yesterday, before an Arc shrouded in plastic to conceal repairs, the French stood to attention when the British national anthem preceded La Marseillaise and clapped when the Prince, in the colonel's dress uniform, joined their President in laying wreaths. Earlier, with the Princess of Wales watching from the reviewing stand, they had circled the Arc de Triomphe standing in the back of an armoured personnel carrier to review the troops.

Later the royal couple attended the Royal British Legion's service of Remembrance in Nôtre Dame.

Kinnock launches Govan inquiry

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Lack of unity is one of Labour's biggest handicaps in seeing off the nationalist threat and convincing Scottish electors that the Scottish Labour Party in Parliament is an effective force.

Now the Govan defeat has opened up once again the split in Labour ranks about how the party should fight the poll tax and just how nationalist should the party's pitch be.

There were calls yesterday for Labour to sharpen up its act in Scotland as the left seized its opportunity. Mr George Galloway, MP for Glasgow Hillhead, said: "It's a devastating result for us. It's one of the worst by-election defeats in modern times".

Labour, he said, had been given its best mandate ever in Scotland with 50 MPs at the last election and had failed to pick up that mandate. "We're going to have to sharpen up our Scottish act".

He called for Labour to "change direction" on the poll tax and on the question of Scottish devolution and blamed the party leadership.

Mr Denis Canavan (Falkirk W) said that Mr Kinnock's inquiry into Govan "should start with his own strategy or lack of one".

Mr Harry Barnes (NE Derbyshire) said: "The Govan result makes it even more urgent that the Labour movement, in Scotland as in the rest of the country, more vigorously fights anti-working class policies like the poll tax. Labour has to become once again the main party of protest".

Mr John Home Robertson, dropped from Labour's Front Bench this week for his support for illegal action against the poll tax, said that Scottish electors saw Labour as hanging back, not prepared to go in for the kill.

The Labour leadership has refused to support a campaign for the non-payment of poll tax which would break the law. Mr Kinnock and the Shadow Cabinet believe it would destroy the party's credibility as a potential party of government.

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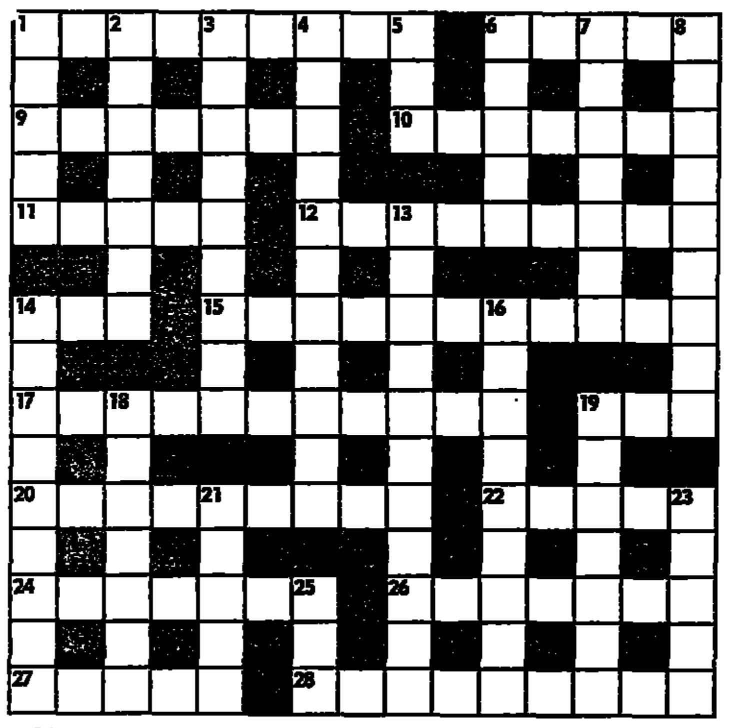

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24 Behave theatrically when rebuffed about religious personification (7).
26 Italian who invented the Tube (7).
27 Grassy tracks round Deva's retreat (5).
28 Tinned meat from first-rate grouse (5,4).

DOWN

1 Barnacle said to be so firmly fixed (5).
2 A patent wrong – how shocking! (7).
3 Heather's in the picture in David's projector in America (9).
4 Poor printer has a little money in joint venture (11).
5 Blossom on climbing plant here (3).
6 A formal body (5).
7 Military band formation adapted to duets (7).
8 Thickhead's stupidity (9).
13 Flat-finding agency? (6-5).
14 Order a sad piper to fade out (9).
16 Receipts which include all standing charges (4-5).
18 A vent helps the calorific effect (7).
19 Movement Sally heard on the river (7).
21 Sounds like an old woman friend (5).
23 Runner following boat (5).
25 Decline to go out (3).

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,824

S	T	A	B	L	E		S	A	L	T	A	W	A	Y
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,819

L	A	S	A	G	N	E		S	A	C	K	B	U	T
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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

HOOLACHAN
a. A shinty hooligan
b. An Irish peat-cutter
c. A Highland reel

VOTEEN
a. A devotee
b. A teenage voter
c. Imitation velvet

NAMM
a. Distraint at law
b. Bangladeshi unleavened bread
c. Hebrew purification

HABOOB
a. A loose brassiere
b. A sand-storm
c. A trap or subterfuge

Answers on page 14

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	23.00	21.60
Belgium Fr	69.2	65.7
Canada $	2.3	2.18
Denmark Kr	12.58	11.98
Finland Mkk	7.80	7.40
France Fr	11.14	10.54
Germany Dm	3.26	3.08
Greece Dr	281	261
Hong Kong $	14.60	13.85
Ireland Pt	1.222	1.162
Italy Lira	2450	2320
Japan Yen	237.5	221.5
Netherlands Gld	3.69	3.49
Norway Kr	12.28	11.68
Portugal Esc	272	258
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.15
Spain Pta	215	204
Sweden Kr	11.44	10.84
Switzerland Fr	2.74	2.58
USA $	1.90	1.80
Yugoslavia Dnr	10000	7800

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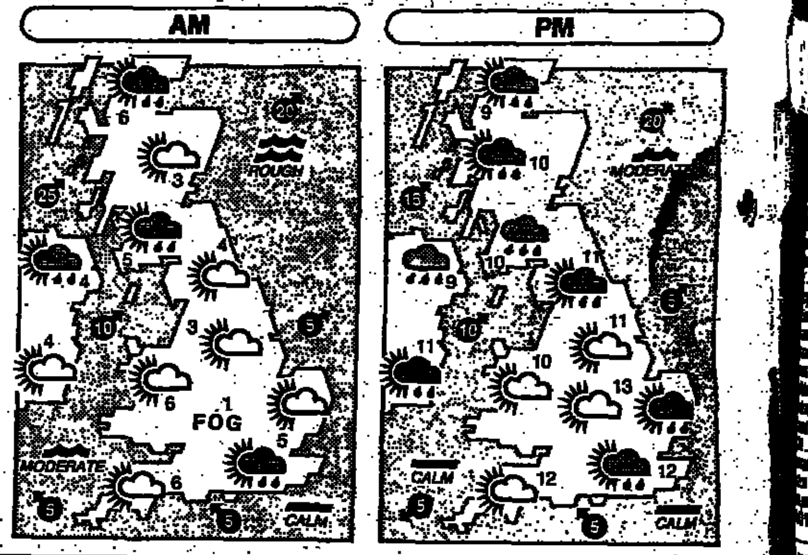
Retail Price Index: 108.4 (September)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 17.6 at 1461.2.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J Mayhew, Greenhill Place, Edinburgh; K Allsopp, Redbridge, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes; M M Cronin, Glenville Road, Mumbles, Swansea; I G Smith, St Michaels Southdown Road, Seaford, E Sussex; H E De Garis, Le Grand Douit, St Saviour's, Guernsey, C I.

WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers and sunny intervals. Eastern Scotland will have the best of any sunshine. In Northern England and Wales some sun and showers before become generally fine. North-east England will be drier and brighter than north-west. Eastern England, the Midlands, south Wales and south-west England will be dry. Sunny intervals in East Anglia, southern and south-east England. Reasonably mild. Outlook: Generally fine.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Luxor	25	77	s
Akrotiri	16	61	c	Madrid	14	57	c
Algiers	27	81	c	Majorca	22	72	c
Athens	10	50	s	Malta	20	68	f
Bahrain	30	86	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Barbads*	29	84	f	Miami*	29	84	s
Berlin	10	50	f	Montreal*	8	46	c
Bermuda*	26	79	f	Moscow	-2	28	c
Biarritz	17	63	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Borde'x	17	63	f	N Delhi	27	81	s
Brussels	14	57	c	N York*	14	57	f
B Aires*	22	72	f	Oslo	11	52	s
Cairo	20	68	f	Paris	16	61	s
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Peking	17	63	s
C'blanca	20	68	c	Prague	1	34	c
Chicago*	9	48	f	Reykjvik	1	34	s
Ch'church	15	59	f	Rio de J	26	79	s
Cologne	14	57	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
C'phagn	8	46	c	Rome	17	63	s
Corfu	17	63	s	Salzburg	7	45	c
Dublin	11	52	s	S F'risco*	16	61	c
Faro	19	66	r	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	17	63	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	11	52	c	Seoul	12	54	s
Funchal	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Geneva	11	52	c	Sydney	22	72	s
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Tangier	19	66	f
Helsinki	4	39	d	Tel aviv	16	61	c
Hong K	18	64	c	Tenerife	23	73	f
Innsbrck	13	55	s	Tokyo	15	59	s
Istanbul	3	37	r	Toronto*	9	48	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tunis	24	75	f
Jo'burg*	19	66	c	Valencia	17	63	r
Karachi	30	86	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	r
L Palmas	21	70	c	Venice	8	46	s
Le Tquet	14	57	c	Vienna	-2	28	c
Lisbon	18	64	f	Warsaw	3	37	s
Locarno	11	52	s	Wash'ton*	14	57	c
L Angels*	16	61	s	Wel'gton	13	55	c
Luxembg	11	52	fg	Zurich	12	54	s

* denotes Thursday's figures

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6 pm, 80 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.0 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.024 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	s	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'mgham	10	50	f	Inverness	10	50	s
Blackpool	10	50	f	Jersey	15	59	fg
Bristol	14	57	f	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	14	57	f	M'nchster	10	50	s
Edinburgh	10	50	s	Newcastle	10	50	f
Glasgow	9	48	f	R'nldsway	11	52	s

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.1	.01	14	57	rain
Bridlington	0.2	.01	14	57	cloudy
Hunstanton	0.5	.01	15	59	cloudy
Cromer	0.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Clacton	1.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Southend	0.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Margate	-	-	15	59	dull
Folkestone	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	0.8	.01	15	59	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Brighton	0.1	.01	14	57	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Poole	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Swanage	0.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Weymouth	-	.02	15	59	cloudy
Exmouth	0.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	0.1	.02	15	59	rain
Falmouth	-	.19	14	57	drizzle
Penzance	-	.30	14	57	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.21	13	55	rain
St. Ives	-				
Newquay	-	.15	14	57	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.31	*	*	rain
Minehead	0.2	.04	16	61	rain
Morecambe	-	.17	13	55	rain
Douglas	-	.47	12	54	rain
Buxton	-	.02	12	54	dull
Carlisle	-	.16	13	55	rain
Leeds	0.4	.01	16	61	rain
Nottingham	2.2	-	15	59	bright
Anglesey	-	.23	13	55	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.9	.03	15	59	cloudy
Tenby	-	.20	13	55	rain
Aberdeen	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Aviemore	2.0	.12	13	55	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.97	11	52	rain
Kinloss	1.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.09	12	54	rain
Prestwick	-	.39	13	55	rain
Stornoway	1.2	.21	12	54	shower
Tiree	0.1	.34	12	54	hail
Wick	1.2	-	13	55	bright

These are Thursday's figures
* Denotes figures not available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Sumburgh, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.97 in; highest sunshine: Nottingham, 2.2 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 4.45 pm to 6.46 am
Bristol 4.55 pm to 6.55 am
Edinburgh 4.40 pm to 7.15 am
Manchester 4.45 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 5.11 pm to 7.02 am

TOMORROW
London 4.44 pm to 6.47 am
Bristol 4.54 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 4.38 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 4.45 pm to 7.03 am
Penzance 5.10 pm to 7.04 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.58	6.9	3.17	7.0	London Bridge	3.34	6.9	3.56	6.9
Aberdeen	2.26	4.1	2.37	4.1	Aberdeen	3.08	4.0	3.15	4.1
Avonmouth	8.27	12.3	8.46	12.2	Avonmouth	9.03	12.0	9.24	11.7
Belfast	—	—	12.15	3.3	Belfast	12.39	3.2	12.57	3.4
Cardiff	8.12	11.4	8.31	11.3	Cardiff	8.48	11.1	9.09	10.9
Devonport	7.03	5.3	7.20	5.1	Devonport	7.33	5.2	7.54	4.9
Dover	—	—	12.07	6.4	Dover	12.32	6.4	12.42	6.2
Falmouth	6.33	5.1	6.50	4.9	Falmouth	7.03	5.0	7.24	4.7
Glasgow	1.45	4.6	2.05	4.6	Glasgow	2.24	4.6	2.40	4.7
Harwich	12.52	3.9	1.10	3.9	Harwich	1.27	3.8	1.48	3.8
Holyhead	11.32	5.4	11.53	5.2	Holyhead	—	—	12.12	5.3
Hull	7.34	6.9	7.45	6.9	Hull	8.12	6.8	8.22	6.8
Ilfracombe	7.07	8.9	7.24	8.7	Ilfracombe	7.42	8.7	8.04	8.4
Leith	3.46	5.3	4.03	5.3	Leith	4.28	5.2	4.44	5.1
Liverpool	12.10	9.0	12.28	9.1	Liverpool	12.46	8.8	1.06	8.9
Lowestoft	10.42	2.4	10.56	2.4	Lowestoft	11.25	2.3	11.38	2.4
Margate	12.58	4.7	1.14	4.7	Margate	1.35	4.7	1.55	4.7

TODAY
Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon rises: 10.59 am
Moon sets: 5.32 pm
First Quarter November 16

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.16 am
Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon rises: 11.52 am
Moon sets: 6.40 pm
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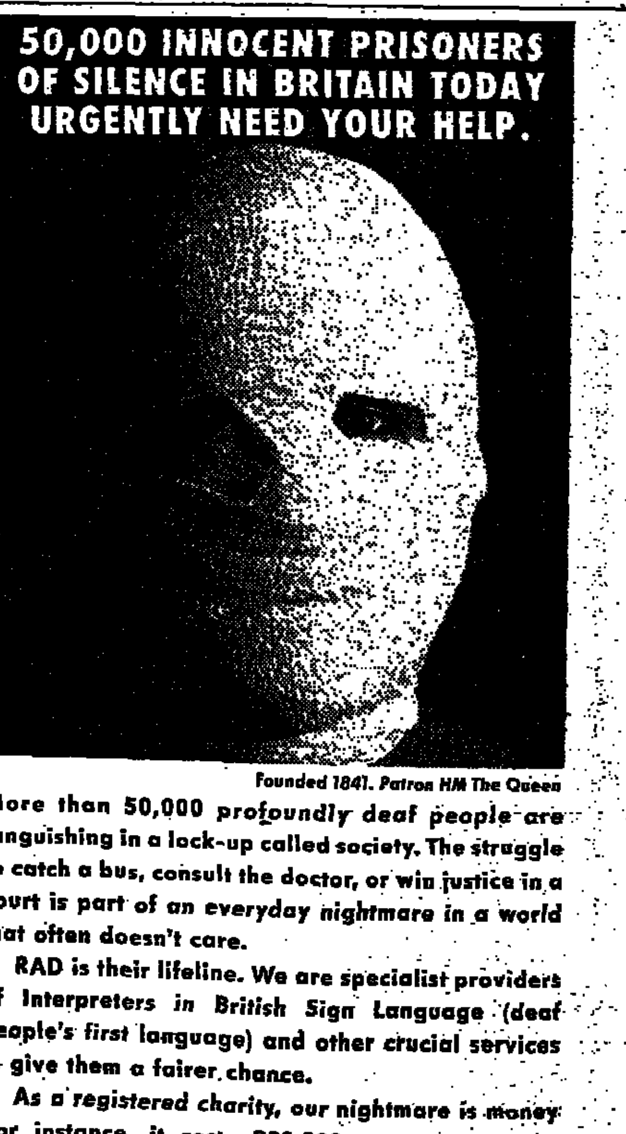

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.8150 (+0.0220)

W German mark
3.1472 (–0.0067)

Trade-weighted
77.0 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1461.2 (–17.6)

FT-SE 100
1802.7 (–23.5)

Bargains
31891

Fisher chief resigns

Mr Stephen Barker, the chief executive of Albert Fisher, the food distribution group, has resigned. A brief statement yesterday said that he was leaving the company to pursue other business interests.

Mr Tony Millar, the executive chairman, said there had been no disagreement. "I respect his decision enormously. He wants to do what I did — set out on his own."

Mr Millar himself will resume the chief executive's responsibilities, taking on a new four-year contract, which should help appease worried sharholders.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2089.08 (–25.61)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	28489.57 (+323.15)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2583.74 (+6.73)
Amsterdam: Gen	272.8 (–3.1)
Sydney: AO	1558.2 (–5.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1566.2 (–17.4)
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen	504.7 (+13.3)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	n/a
FT.—"500"	n/a
FT. Gold Mines	178.2 (–0.2)
FT. Fixed interest	97.20 (–0.08)
FT. Govt Secs	88.33 (–0.3)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Tyne Tees TV	371½p (+27p)
Breedon	120p (+10p)
Audio Fidelity	140½p (+16p)
DDT Group	118p (+11p)
G Oliver	525p (+20p)
GT Management	160½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Sun Life	955p (–59p)
Pearl	441p (–10p)
TI	386p (–10p)
Lloyds	321½p (–11p)
Blue Circle	440½p (–9p)
Harrison Ind	190p (–75p)
Tarmac	240p (–9p)
Bass	805½p (–13p)
Cable & Wireless	371½p (–9p)
Oxford Inst	233½p (–11p)
Grand Met	438p (–10½p)
GKN	316½p (–10½p)
Granada	329p (–8p)
Barton Transport	700p (–25p)
4pm prices	
SEAQ Volume	705.8m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12⅛-12¹/₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 11¹¹/₁₆-11⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds n/a
3-month Treasury Bills 7.63-7.52%*
30-year bonds 101⁷/₁₆-101½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8150	£: $1.8140*
£: DM3.1472	$: DM1.7345*
£: SwFr2.6426	$: SwFr1.4562*
£: FFr10.7630	$: FFr5.9275*
£: Yen222.52	$: Yen122.62*
£: Index:77.0	$: Index:93.5
ECU £0.656926	SDR £0.752831

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $420.75 pm-$420.30
close $420.25-420.75 (£231.50-232.00)
New York:
Comex $418.70-419.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $13.10bbl ($13.30)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Abbey Life (01332) gained 7p on reports that shareholders will turn down a deal with Lloyds Bank (01955), which slipped 9p. Press and brokers' comments added 4p to Jaguar (01127) and 3p to Thorn EMI (02017). DDT Group (01830) added 10p on speculative demand.
- Recent additions include: Portmeirion 03492, Darby Group 03495, Com-Tek Resources 03496.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Young acts on mergers after Elders' spree

By Cliff Feltham

The Government last night plugged the loophole in the merger rules which allowed Elders IXL, the Australian group, to launch a controversial dawn raid on Scottish & Newcastle Breweries minutes after its bid had been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, put a ban on a predator buying further shares in its quarry once an investigation had been ordered into the bid.

He found the action taken by Elders "extremely regrettable," which is likely to be seen as a severe rap on the knuckles for its merchant bank adviser, County NatWest, which masterminded the buying spree.

Lord Young backed the Office of Fair Trading, which has insisted that it asked the Elders solicitor, Freshfields, for the usual undertakings not to carry on buying.

"There was no failure in procedures in either the OFT or my Department," said Lord Young. "Elders' advisers were clearly informed by the OFT at the time of the announcement that undertakings not to purchase further shares were being sought. This, of course, has been the normal practice for many years, including the term of office of the previous Labour government. It is well understood by the City generally and by those who advise on mergers in particular.

"It is therefore extremely regrettable that Elders chose to act as it did," said Lord Young.

"In future, when a merger is referred to the MMC and when in the past I would have asked for undertakings in relation to share purchases, voting or other matters, I propose to safeguard the conduct of the merger inquiry by making an appropriate order to come into effect at the time when the reference to the MMC is announced."

Mr John Elliott, head of the Elders group, has insisted he did not act improperly in sending his brokers into the market to pick up nearly 10 per cent of S&N, lifting his stake to 23.64 per cent.

He claims the OFT never ordered him not to buy shares — while the OFT insists Freshfields was told in the normal manner that no further share buying should take place.

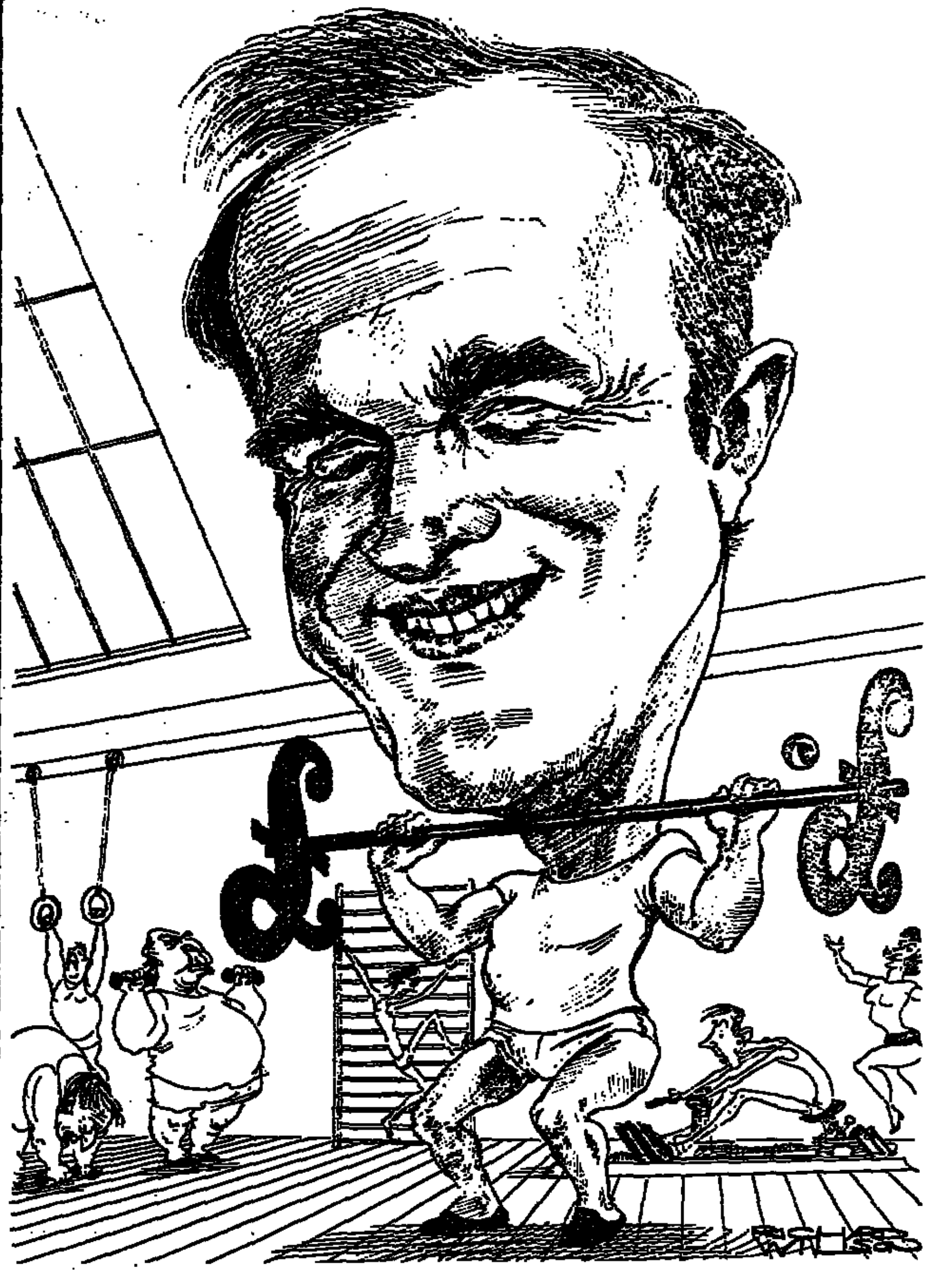
"At no stage, prior to or during this purchase period, was any prohibition or restriction on share purchases imposed on Elders either by the OFT or by the Department of Trade and Industry, and no undertaking was given in this connection by Elders or by any of its professional advisers," said Mr Elliott.

The OFT, however, said Elders knew perfectly well it should not have bought more shares. The OFT said its own mergers secretariat contacted Freshfields shortly before 9am to say the bid was to be referred and to ask its clients not to buy further shares in the company.

At 9.15am, the OFT heard that massive share buying was taking place and immediately called Freshfields about it. The OFT says Freshfields claimed it was unaware of any activity in the stock market.

Mr Hugh Peppiatt, a senior partner at Freshfields, said it had not given any undertakings to the OFT. "We would never give an undertaking. We were not buying the stock. Elders would be buying the stock," he said.

Edmonds bowls along to the Stock Exchange



Leisure group in reverse takeover

By Martin Waller

Mr Phil Edmonds, the former England and Middlesex cricketer, is bringing his hotel and leisure group, Preludeward, to the market next week via a reverse takeover of an Irish shell company, Woodington.

Preludeward's best-known asset is probably Stocks Hotel near Tring, Hertfordshire, if only through its previous owner, Mr Victor Lowndes. The Playboy Bunnies are long gone, although the jacuzzi — which housed 14 people one memorable night — remains.

More to Mr Edmonds' taste is the first-rate cricket field he put in, where players of the calibre of Imran Khan, Dennis Lillee and Wayne Daniel are contracted to play against corporate clients and their guests. Mr Edmonds reckons several league cricketers are willing to take part.

Other assets owned by Preludeward are a country club in Stanmore, north London, a Covent Garden-style shopping centre in Brussels and the Goods Vehicle Licensing Office in Swansea.

His next move will be to inject the Berwick Group, his second property and leisure vehicle, into Woodington before Christmas for about £2.5 million. Mr Edmonds plans a number of joint ventures between Berwick and CP Holdings, a private open-cast coal contractor and aggregates group which owns large amounts of land in the Southeast.

Meanwhile, the acquisition and development of Preludeward is to be funded by a placing of 11 million new shares at 59p, raising £6.49 million. Another 1.81 million new shares are being issued via a rights issue to bring in a further £958,000.

An extraordinary meeting of shareholders on Monday will consider the proposals, and if cleared the company will be relisted on the Dublin Stock Exchange the next day — the shares were suspended at 35p — before moving to the London listing within two weeks.

Mr Edmonds will become chief executive. He will be joined on the board by Mr Ron Clarke, managing director of Cannons UK, the health and fitness group.

Further development will be in the twin areas of corporate entertainment and health and fitness.

Guinness takes control at Buckley's Brewery

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness emerged yesterday as the surprise purchaser of a 53 per cent stake in Buckley's Brewery, the South Wales brewer which has been caught up in the Barlow Clowes affair.

Guinness, whose chief executive is Mr Anthony Tennant, has agreed to pay 156p a share for the stake, via its Harp Lager Company.

It is also obliged to make an offer for the rest of Buckley's at the same price.

The 156p a share offer values the company at £25 million.

This compares with the £29.2 million successful takeover bid made by Mr Peter Clowes, the former chairman of Barlow Clowes, and his erstwhile business partner Mr Guy von Cramer, just before last October's stock market crash. They used an off-the-shelf company called Brodian for the bid.

The Brodian 192p a share bid was regarded as extraordinarily generous at the time.

It has since emerged that it was financed by money belonging to Barlow Clowes investors which was diverted from Gibraltar, through the British Virgin Islands and Switzerland.

Mr von Cramer maintains that he was unaware that investors' money was being used.

The Brodian bid secured 53 per cent of Buckley's.

This was seized, however, by Singer & Friedlander, their merchant banker, since it was security for finance which it had been provided for the bid and which had not been repaid.

Tenders had to be in by yesterday.

The sale of the Buckley's stake is good news for Barlow Clowes investors who stand to gain to the tune of several million pounds once Singer & Friedlander has reclaimed its loan.

Guinness said yesterday that the purchase of Buckley's, which has brewed its own beer since 1767, was "part of the continuing strategy of Harp to build national lager brands through a series of regional partnerships."

Under the deal Harp will form a new company with Crown Brewery which will integrate the free trade activities of Crown and Buckley's "to provide a wide range of locally brewed beers alongside Harp's national lager range which includes Kronenbourg".

The new company will also operate the combined licensed premises of both Buckley's and Crown.

Anthony Tennant: Harp buy

Clowes cash 'by Christmas'

By Our City Staff

The liquidators of Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the British arm of the investment group, yesterday received High Court approval for a move which paves the way towards a payment to investors.

The court approved the division of BCGM investors into ten categories. It is now up to the lawyers acting for the categories to agree on how to split the money recovered by the liquidators. If they cannot agree then the whole question of how much each category gets will be put before the court.

The liquidators are still hoping to be able to make a substantial payout to all BCGM investors by Christmas although this target may well slip.

The liquidators have recovered £51.7 million. This has been put on deposit and is earning interest at £540,000 a month.

Mr Anthony Gold, of Alexander Tatham the solicitor representing more than 1,200 Barlow Clowes investors, said after the court hearing: "It may be that the Christmas target can be achieved but the situation is complicated and there is an awful lot of information to absorb".

One problem is the question of the intermingling of funds between the UK and the offshore ends of Barlow Clowes. Barlow Clowes International, the offshore arm, appears to have lost out as a result of this intermingling to the tune of £6 million.

There is every chance that any payment by BCGM to BCI will not be borne equally among all the BCGM investors.

At the moment it appears that Lloyds Bank, which maintained a custodian trustee arrangement over about £7 million of Barlow Clowes money, believes that this £7 million should be unaffected by any BCI claim.

It argues that the money was not involved in intermingling.

Lloyds and Midland Bank applied successfully to be part of the BCGM distribution proceedings.

FII loses appeal against bid ruling

By Graham Searjeant

FII-Fyffes, the Dublin fruit importer which owns 20 per cent of Irish Distillers Group, is finally committed to accepting Pernod Ricard's Ir450p per share bid for IDG.

The Irish Supreme Court rejected FII's appeal against a High Court ruling that a verbal agreement on Saturday September 2 to back Pernod irrevocably was a contract.

FII refused to sign a contract on September 3 after Grand Metropolitan was freed to bid Ir525p per share. But Pernod enforced the agreement in a court action that could cost FII up to £500,000.

The Supreme Court ruling also covers Irish Life, whose stake of about 10 per cent in IDG forms the backbone of Pernod's claimed 53 per cent of IDG.

But the commitment of small shareholders is likely to depend on final rulings of the City Takeover Panel, which spent all day yesterday hearing cases from IDG, Pernod and GrandMet representatives.

IDG is appealing against a Panel executive ruling that there were breaches of the principles of the Takeover Code on September 3, when IDG helped Pernod persuade hundreds of small shareholders to sign up irrevocably for Pernod's then-undeclared bid.

Should the appeal fail, the full Panel, under Lord Alexander, would decide what action, if any, to take over the breaches. This could involve forcing Pernod to tear up the acceptances of small shareholders who were deemed not to have been given enough time or information to make a considered judgement.

The Panel's decision could determine the outcome of the six month battle, although this could depend on rulings on the bids by the Irish Government or a change of mind by the European Commission.

Banks step in as the dollar plunges

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The dollar fell sharply yesterday in foreign exchange markets as dealers waited for further clues to the likely economic policies of Mr George Bush, US President-elect.

The Bank of Japan intervened to support the dollar in the Far East and in Europe the Bank of England bought dollars for yen on its behalf. The Bank of England and the Bundesbank also supported the dollar.

The dollar closed Y1.10 below its previous close of Y122.90 and 1.75 pfennigs down against the mark at DM1.7410. Trading was light with the US market closed for Veterans' Day and some European markets also closed. Sterling finished about 2 cents up on the dollar at $1.8140.

Since the start of the week the dollar has fallen nearly 5 pfennigs against the mark. Mr Alan Davies of Barclays Bank said: "Markets are testing the bottom end of the ranges set by the Louvre accord."

The dollar was also hit yesterday by comments from Herr Helmut Schlesinger, the Vice President of the Bundesbank, who said Germany should not let inflation rise for the sake of international cooperation.

On the stock markets the FT-SE 100-share index fell 23 points to test the 1,800 level. On Wall Street the Dow Jones industrial average fell 22.23 points to 2,092.46 by midsession.

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Government's softer line to encourage bids from banks

Talks on Girobank sale to continue

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Negotiations over the privatization of Girobank, the banking arm of the Post Office, are still continuing despite the postponement of the sale announced yesterday by Mr Tony Newton, Minister for the Department of Trade and Industry.

The postponement reflects the lack of interest in Girobank among potential buyers because of its commercial unattractiveness.

Mr Newton said the original timetable for the sale — meant to be completed this month — had been too demanding for potential buyers to produce satisfactory bids. The Post Office and J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank handling the sale, would continue talks with several bidders until a satisfactory deal had been hammered out.

Sources close to the sale said that all the offers made had been unsatisfactory in a variety of ways. The price was only one factor, although the lack of interest in Girobank has meant low bids and fewer than had been expected. Experts believe the bank is worth about £100 million, while the Post Office is thought to be hoping for about £150 million.

Bidders have found it difficult, in the time available, to meet the detailed conditions laid down for the sale.

A further problem is believed to be the Bank of England's reluctance to allow industrial and commercial companies to take control of banks. No bid can go through without Bank of England approval.

In order to encourage more bidders, the Government is softened its line on discouraging large banks and building societies from entering the auction. There was no indication yesterday, however, that the big banks were interested. Building societies are almost certainly excluded from bidding on legal grounds. The restrictions on the business they are allowed to undertake include several of the lending activities of Girobank, such as commercial loans.

The postponement caused no surprise in the City which has been sceptical about the sale since it was announced in June.

Among the biggest stumbling blocks is the bank's lack of control over its high street outlets — some 20,000 post offices around the country. These are run by Post Office Counters which is to be privatized separately. Girobank has to rely on a five-year rolling contract with Counters, which can be terminated by either side. Girobank is also in the middle of an expensive computer development programme, and has a narrow range of financial products, compared with other banks.

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One step ahead, then another

Banner's £102m bid is hostile says Avdel

Claims that Banner Industries' £102 million takeover bid for Avdel is not hostile have been dismissed by the British company, ahead of next week's defence document.

In London to drum up bid support, Mr Bill Kershaw, managing director of the US company's European speciality fastener operations, agreed with the view of his adviser, Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, that the bid was not hostile, because both sides had previously been in merger talks.

But Mr John Marley, Avdel's chief executive, said the 80p per share offer is inadequate, does not reflect Avdel's current performance, and that there is no industrial logic in combining the two businesses.

A spokesman for Hambros, Avdel's merchant bank, said no serious discussions had taken place on the possible purchase.

Battle over Bestwood intensifies

The battle between Bestwood and its former chairman, Mr Tony Cole, hotted up yesterday with both sides claiming that they had the support of shareholders owning more than 50 per cent of the company's shares.

Mr Cole wants to be reinstated as chairman and chief executive of Bestwood, positions which he vacated in July. He also wants to oust Mr Anthony Holmes, the man who replaced him.

According to Mr Cole the matter is likely to be put to the vote when a Swiss entity, which supports him, calls for an extraordinary general meeting.

Court rejects Lonrho claim

The High Court has rejected an application by Lonrho for a judicial review aimed at speeding publication by Lord Young of the report of DTI Inspectors in to House of Fraser and pressing the Office of Fair Trading to recommend a reference to the Monopolies Commission.

Mr Justice Macpherson said the matter should not have come to court. There was no basis for suggesting the OFT had erred or acted unreasonably and "quite impossible to argue that the Secretary of State has erred".

MB dealings

Share dealings in MB Group, the former Metal Box, which is planning a £2 billion merger with French packaging group Carnaud, will resume on Monday. Further details on the merger were posted shareholders yesterday.

The final dividend

Grampian rise

Grampian Television more than doubled half-year pretax profits from £214,500 to £581,000 in the half year to end-August. The interim payout is 0.6p (0.43p).

EEC warns Japan car firms after 'local content' dispute

From Michael Dynes
Brussels

Mr Karl-Heinz Narjes, the European Commissioner for Industrial Affairs, leaves for Tokyo today to issue a tough warning to Japanese motor manufacturers hoping to increase their penetration of the European market by establishing assembly plants in the Community.

He said that due to the controversy over Nissan car exports from Britain to France, too much attention had been paid to the percentage of local content in Japanese cars built in Europe, and not enough to the composition of local content.

He added that even if Japanese manufacturers achieved an 80 per cent local content rate, they could still retain control over the more important and technically sophisticated car components, which would run counter to the EEC's interests.

Mr Narjes also accused some member states of assisting Japan's motor invasion by falling over themselves to offer Japanese companies preferential fiscal incentives, a privilege not extended to European companies by Japan.

Mr Narjes is due to have talks with the Japanese Ministry for International Trade and Industry, and Japanese industrialists, on the Japanese-EEC trade imbalance.

The talks are expected to cover issues related to the completion of the European internal market in 1992, although two-way trade in cars, electronics and construction are believed to be high on the agenda.

In addition to finding a compromise on the issue of local content, the Commission is also eager to persuade Japan to freeze its motor exports to member states at present levels until 1992, and to exercise some moderation thereafter. Japanese companies have captured about 11 per cent of the European motor sector, although their percentage of individual markets varies because of the controls imposed by some member states, principally Britain, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Mr Narjes said that since 1977, the Community had exported 560,000 units to Japan, while Japan has exported more than 8 million units to the EEC — an imbalance that had to be reduced considerably before Japan could expect to have increased access to Europe.

Credit offshoot trims Goldberg

By Carol Ferguson

A Goldberg & Sons, the Glasgow-based stores group in the middle of a strategic change of direction, revealed a near-halving of pre-tax profits from £760,000 to £344,000 at the interim stage.

Mr Mark Goldberg, the group's chairman, said that the fall in profits was due to the absence of profits from Style Financial Services, its consumer credit business. The last 40 per cent of Style was sold to the Royal Bank of Scotland in April for £5.9 million.

The proceeds of the sale are being used to fund an ambitious investment programme. This includes a £1.5 million refurbishment of the Goldberg department store in Glasgow, and the expansion of Goldberg's other retail chains Wrygges and Schuh. "We expect the benefit of the investment programme to begin to emerge in the second half of this year and, more significantly, next year and beyond," Mr Goldberg said.

He said that in the first half of the year, the group had invested some £5 million in new and refurbished stores, and a further £2 million of capital investment was committed for the second half year.

Goldberg now has 119 stores, 62 Wrygges young fashion shops, 21 Goldberg department stores and 36 Schuh shoe shops. Wrygges is now the group's largest trading division, with turnover up 20 per cent in the half year to £11.1 million.

Total group turnover rose 23 per cent to £24.7 million at the half year stage, and Mr Goldberg said that he was waiting for the all-important pre-Christmas trading period. He said: "We had hoped to replace the hole in our profits left by the sale of the consumer credit company this year, but market conditions have become much worse in the last three months and we are making no predictions."

He said the balance sheet remained strong, and that future capital investment would match depreciation. "By the year end, we expect to have no net debt, and we want to use our balance sheet strength to take advantage of opportunities — but we are not in the hostile acquisition market."

He added that he had no further information on what Charterhall, the investment company controlled by Mr Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, intended to do with its 25.3 per cent stake in Goldberg. "He has said he has three options — to acquire us, to sell his shares, or to keep them," Mr Goldberg said.

The interim dividend was increased by 10 per cent to 1.45p net.

Dressing the young at Wrygges: Mark Goldberg, the group chairman, yesterday (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

Bid talk grows as Yates quits GT

By Wolfgang Münchau

GT Management, the fund management firm which earlier this week reported a slump in interim profits from £8.5 million to £2.8 million, has suffered further embarrassment with the departure of Mr Roger Yates, the main board director in charge of UK investment management.

Mr Yates is the third senior GT director to resign since the summer, following the departure of Mr Robert Boyd and Mr Mark St Giles, then GT's two joint managing directors. Mr Yates's move has fuelled takeover speculation, as GT's shares gained 10p to 161p.

GT's board held an all-day meeting yesterday, in an attempt to decide the future direction of the company.

Mr Yates, who will join Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, as a senior pension fund manager, said: "My departure is unconnected with GT. I am leaving on an amicable basis. GT is one of the nicest companies to work for." However, he admitted that the timing of his departure was "unfortunate".

In the last two months GT became the subject of intense takeover speculation, with Tyndall Holdings, the UK financial services group, and Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest bank, emerging as likely bidders.

GT admitted that it has received a number of approaches, although Mr David Fitzwilliam-Lay, who emerged as the chief executive following the departure of the two joint managing directors, denied the company was up for sale.

Following the 68 per cent profits fall it is believed that Tyndall may launch a bid for the company — it is understood that a hostile bid can no longer be excluded. However, GT's board is thought to have decided to remain independent despite the current difficulties.

A spokesman for GT said: "A hostile takeover is very difficult indeed. The idea of Tyndall popping out of the trees, is a non-runner."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

CI Group in £4.88m foundry purchase

CI Group, the Wolverhampton steel and engineering group formerly known as Cooper Industries, is paying £4.88 million for William Coupe (Higher Walton), a privately owned jobbing foundry which produces castings used for printing presses and carpet making machines. The deal will be financed through the issue of 11.89 million shares, of which 7.13 million have been placed at 41p per share, raising just under £3 million in cash. Following the announcement, CI shares fell 2p to 43p.

CI, which a year ago paid £18 million for Bipel, a Midlands engineering company, said William Coupe would supply heavy castings to Bipel to form a "vertical intergration" link. For the period from July 1 1987 to April 21 1988, William Coupe achieved pre-tax profits of £692,000 on turnover of £3.1 million. Net assets were £425,000.

Trust reports interim rise

Whitbread Investments, the investment trust which specializes in regional breweries under the "Whitbread Umbrella", reported increased pre-tax profits of £5.36 million (£4.56 million) in the six months to September 30. Net asset value per share rose to 476.8p (440p) and earnings per share were 6.37p (5.12p). The interim dividend rises to 3.05p from 2.8p last year.

Amer sells off metal firms

Amer Group, the diversified Finnish industrial company, is selling most of its metal interests to other Finnish companies. The businesses include Hydor, which has net sales of about 35 million Finnish markka (£4.69 million), and Skanveir with sales of FM 15 million. Pema, with sales of FM 15 million, will be Amer's only remaining metal business.

Mail lifts ANH stake

Daily Mail and General Trust, the investment holding company, said in a statement that an extraordinary meeting of shareholders approved its recommended cash offer for the remaining shares in Associated Newspapers Holdings.

On October 17, Daily Mail made a recommended 765p per share offer for ANH which valued the Daily Mail purchase at £511.8 million and the whole of ANH at £1.02 billion. Before its offer, Daily Mail owned just under 50 per cent of ANH. But it said it now holds 55.8 per cent, after purchases on and before November 10. The offer closes on November 16.

Settlement at Christy

Preliminary results for the year to end-June at Christy Hunt show that Mr James Dyer, who resigned as chairman in July last year, received £127,000 in compensation. Pre-tax profits were £3.72 million (£2.32 million) on turnover of £51.3 million (£45.9 million). The company is paying a final dividend of 1.28p a share making 2.16p for the year.

Cattle's buys finance group

Cattle's (Holdings), the Hull consumer credit company, has bought Southern Trust Financial Services, a consumer finance and household goods sales specialist, for £378,000. The deal involves the issue of 600,000 new Cattle's shares at 63p. Southern Trust had a £306,000 loss last year but is said to have broken into profit in this year's first half.

Aberfoyle profits rise

Aberfoyle Holdings, which has interests in agriculture and textiles, made interim pre-tax profits of £929,000, against £898,000 last time, on a turnover of £3.83 million, up from £3.43 million. Earnings per share fell to 1.20p, from 1.22p. No interim dividend has been declared.

The company has substantial links with Zimbabwe, and the adjustment caused by exchange depreciation of the Zimbabwe dollar against sterling resulted in an extraordinary loss. The agricultural interests are undergoing reorganization after management changes, but the results will not become apparent until next year.

Waverley to buy stationery chain

By Our City Staff

Mr James Gulliver, former chairman of Argyll, is moving quickly to build up his Edinburgh-based Waverley Cameron. In a move which marks a further return to Mr Gulliver's retailing roots, Waverley is buying A&J Partners, a chain of high street retailers of commercial and social stationery based in the Midlands.

Waverley will pay £1 million initially, with a further £14 million of performance-related future payments.

In additon, Waverley has agreed to buy Craig Advertising, an independent Scottish advertising agency for an initial payment of £500,000, and a further £8.5 million depending on results. Key employees will be "handcuffed" with four-year service contracts.

Mr Graham Watson, a director of Noble Grossart which is a major shareholder in Waverley, said that the acquisition gives Waverley a sound platform in two clearly defined sectors from which it can grow in the future.

"The Scottish marketing services business is very fragmented, and we wanted to buy an established business such as Craig to use as a foundation to build a force in the North," he said.

"We will also be able to develop the Partners business quickly", he added.

Mountleigh shares up on bid talk

By Our City Staff

Shares in Mountleigh, the property group, jumped 5½p to 174p as a result of speculation that SASEA, a financial and industrial holding company based in Geneva, Switzerland, is likely to mount a bid for the company.

The bid speculation follows a decision on Thursday by Cisneros of Venezuela, to sell a 7.6 per cent stake in Mountleigh to a subsidiary of SASEA.

Neither SASEA nor Mountleigh were prepared to comment on the speculation. Mountleigh recently broke off bid discussions with Wembley, the greyhound racing group.

York pays £20m for lease-broker

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

York Trust, the Leeds financial services group led by Mr Neil Balfour, has clinched another ambitious deal to enter the market for leasing large capital items such as airliners.

York is paying an initial £21.4 million in shares, loan notes and cash, but possibly much more, for Babcock & Brown (UK), an American-owned lease-broker specializing in high value transport and energy equipment.

Further payments of up to £28 million will be due if B&B (UK)'s pre-tax profits for the year to March, 1989, are more than £3.4 million pre-tax.

As a crucial part of the deal, four senior managers of B&B (UK) will be paid £2.79 million from the company's £3.2 million of funds by way of "golden handcuffs" to prevent them competing with B&B (UK). One of them, Mr Arthur Hughes, will also become joint deputy chairman of York Trust.

As a result of the deal the vendors will end up with at least 15 per cent of the expanded York Trust and the management group 4.6 per cent, plus large holdings of convertible preference shares.

The deal left York ordinary shares unchanged at 48p on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Cecil's sparkling light could lead to higher office

Kite flying is part of politics but policy-making on the hoof, before a posse of lobby correspondents, unless you are sure of your ground and your colleagues, is a dangerous game. Whatever the precise message the Chancellor of the Exchequer intended to put across at his famous Friday meeting, his remarks about means testing of pensioners' benefits were ill-judged, and embarrassing for the Government.

This bizarre episode has strengthened the view in the City that Nigel Lawson's long spell at the Treasury will come to an end after next year's Budget, in the ritualistic autumn Cabinet reshuffle. His successor may be Nicholas Ridley, who adheres to Lawson economics, is not enthused by environment and the new fashion for greenery, and stands high in Prime Ministerial regard. It is more likely to be the favourite son, Cecil Parkinson, currently at the Department of Energy where the great preoccupation is privatizing electricity.

On Wednesday the Government published its observations on the summer report of the Commons Select Committee on Energy. They indicated how much solid and sensible progress the ministry has made; showed the gaps where real work has still to be done — regulating the industry when it is in private ownership and meeting the nuclear requirement; and indicated the timetable for a sale expected to add £12 billion to £14 billion to the Government coffers. From Parkinson's point of view the timetable could not be better. The Electricity Bill, to be published before Christmas, should be law by next summer, or at the latest by the autumn. The two successor companies to the Central Electricity Generating Board, National Power and PowerGen, the new National Grid Company and the 12 area boards in their shining plc livery, would then be vested in the Secretary of State. Having restructured the industry and set the scene for floating the companies, Cecil could reasonably depart for higher things, leaving the detailed business to a lesser light.

Managing by far the biggest privatization sale is not exactly a piece of cake. Electricity is not only the biggest privatization it is also the most complex; the time available to do it is tight; and the market's response to the starburst technique of marketing the 12 area distribution companies (a single distribution share which subseqently bursts into the 12 individual companies' shares: so far untried in this country) and to the stricter regulatory regime the Government intends to impose on the industry is difficult to predict.

The current plot is to sell off the 12 distributors at the beginning of 1990, followed by PowerGen (the smaller of the generating companies) later in the same year. National Power ("Big G" — which embraces nuclear energy) would be privatized early in 1991. The question mark over National Power is the probable date of the next general election. Although this Parliament can run into 1992, June 1991 is not improbable. If that were the date of Mrs Thatcher's bid for a fourth term, the sale of National Power could easily slide into an uncertain future and set problems in valuing shares in the 12 area companies. Golden shares protecting the industry from unwanted predators might become no more than empty symbols.

This week's statement from the ministry contains some delicately opaque phrasing on nuclear power and on regulation. The area distributors will have to take a fifth of their supply from non fossil (almost wholly nuclear) sources. Without a guaranteed market of this kind no private company would be justified in investing in nuclear power. For its part the National Power Corporation would hardly be viable if it were not given assistance to help cover the special costs of "the non fossil requirement" — insurance, decommissioning of nuclear power stations. "The Government believes that customers who benefit from diversity in energy supply should pay a fair price which takes account of the cost of that policy." The unanswered question is whether some customers or all customers will bear the nuclear tax.

The core of the matter for setting the share prices will be the regulatory regime, administered by an Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer) under a director general of Electricity Supply, and expressed initially in the licences granted to the companies and the contracts between the various parts of the industry, their customers and suppliers. The Government intends to see that by these various means competition is promoted, prices overseen and customers' interests protected. And the sting in the tail: "The Government will also take into account the recent Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the gas industry."

The MMC's condemnation of British Gas's abuse of its monopoly in pricing gas to large customers is leading inexorably to a much tighter regulatory regime for electricity than was previously intended. Furthermore, the fact that post-privatization the Government is quite prepared to change the rules of the game has not been lost on would-be investors in electricity. Already British Gas shares are looking little better than a building society savings account, and at this distance, shares in the 12 area companies look more safe than sparkling. But there is still time for inventiveness and we shall see British Steel (price to be revealed on November 23: 140p or less?) and the 10 water companies before electricity.

Come on George, make the markets' day

In the immediate aftermath of George Bush's triumph — the outcome the entire capitalist world wanted — the financial focus shifted from stock to currency markets where the daily readings of the dollar's temperature are now the prime data. Dealers and investors want to know what the President-elect intends to do about the yawning American Federal budget and overseas trade deficits.

Having ruled out raising taxes and finding himself faced with bigger Democrat majorities in both houses of Congress where the purse strings are held, he is in a box. If Mr Bush does nothing the dollar will come under heavy pressure and he will be a one-term president.

Volatile currencies and a power vacuum in Washington are not a good platform for rising stock markets. In London where the majority of fund managers continue to sit comfortably on their hands, removing them only to take advantage of high money market rates or another gin and tonic, there is a sense of unease and a feeling that until Christmas the equity market will be thin and ailing.

Comfort and turnover will come only from the British Steel sale, which after last autumn's BP debacle, I expect to see generously priced to ensure success, and special situations of the takeover kind.

Part of the concern is domestic: Nigel Lawson's lost touch, rising inflation, strong pressures for higher pay, slower growth, swelling payments deficits, though all of these against a healthy background of improving company earnings and an equity market where shares are far from extravagantly priced.

The main source of the *malaise* is the United States, and not only because Mr Bush's light is still hidden. American banks which have been falling over like ninepins are still vulnerable to growing debt problems in Latin America; Savings and Loan associations (equivalent to our building societies) are in deep trouble; and the creation of new debt, in place of equity, through the leveraged buyouts of companies, suggests the word "overborrowing" has gone (temporarily) from the American dictionary.

The amount of money available in the US ready to be loaded on the leveraged buyout bandwagon is beyond belief.

These are the bones of the bears' argument. If you can think back to September 24 I set a course in this column which the equity market has cleverly followed. It is now in stage three: the post-Presidential election fall. Stage four, the rally, is due toward the end of the year. The fifth stage, marking the end of the bear market, is set for February/March "when markets have had the chance to judge the new President's policies."

Come on George. Immortality is just around the corner.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*459)	420	62	67	-	8	16	-
	460	26	41	52	24	32	37
	500	11	23	35	54	57	62
Bass (*804)	750	67	82	105	10	15	20
	800	30	50	72	30	35	37
	850	12	28	47	62	62	65
Brit Air (*165)	140	27	30	-	1½	4	-
	160	12	16	23	8	11	15
	180	3½	9	13	20	22	27
Brit Com (*242)	220	30	35	42	4	8	11
	240	17	24	29	11	15	20
	260	7	13	19	24	28	30
Brit Gas (*163)	140	27	28	31	1	2	3
	160	9½	11	15½	3	6	7½
	180	1½	4	7	17½	18½	18½
BP (*248)	220	34	36	38	1	3½	5½
	240	17	20	24½	4	11	13
	260	6½	9½	15	14	23	24
Cons Gold (*1194)	1100	155	165	-	32	55	-
	1150	120	165	205	55	80	90
	1200	90	135	170	78	105	120
Courtauld (*280)	280	15	24	26	14	17	23
	300	7	14	19	27	29	35
	330	2	6½	10	55	55	58
Com Union (*324)	330	15	25	31	14	24	27
	360	7½	12	23	34	44	44
	390	1	7	-	64	70	-
C & W (*373)	360	33	42	-	9	16	-
	390	15	26	35	26	30	37
	420	7	15	25	48	55	58
GEC (*172)	140	37	39	-	1	2	-
	160	18	22	26	3	5½	9
	180	5½	10	16	10	14	15
GKN (*317)	300	26	36	42	5	13	16
	330	12	18	27	19	28	30
	360	4	8	15	45	51	53
Grand Met (*438)	420	38	44	54	6	13½	17
	454	18	24	-	21	31	-
	493	5	11	-	54	59	-
	542	1	4	-	103	105	-
ICI (*1011)	950	97	110	-	7	24	-
	1000	69	75	-	20	43	-
	1050	32	47	-	45	72	-
	1100	15	27	55	85	105	107
Jaguar (*279)	240	49	58	65	4	9	14
	260	33	40	52	7	14	20
	280	19½	29	40	15	24	28
	300	10½	20	-	26	35	-
Land Sec (*573)	500	85	98	-	3	7	-
	550	47	58	68	10	14	23
	600	17	28	40	35	40	47
M & S (*157)	140	20	24	28	1½	4½	6
	160	5½	11	15	8½	10	15
	180	2	5½	6½	26	29	31
R-Royce (*133)	120	17½	25	-	2	4	-
	130	10½	16	18	4	6½	9
	140	5	10	13	10	11	15
STC (*277)	260	29	35	-	6	10	-
	280	16	22	31	14	17	21
	300	7	13	21	26	30	33
Sainsbury (*198)	180	25	30	35	2	4	7
	200	11	17	20	9	12	16
	220	3	9	14	24	25	27
Shell (*965)	950	55	70	90	18	37	40
	1000	27	44	64	45	63	65
	1050	11	24	42	85	97	97
Storehse (*169)	180	8	14	19	18	20	22
	200	3	8	12	32	34	35
	220	2	4	6	52	52	53
Trafalgar (*309)	280	32	36	-	4	6	-
	300	17	24	28	12	15	18
	330	6	11	15	32	36	40
TSB (*111)	90	25	28	-	½	1½	-
	100	15	17	-	1	2½	-
	110	7	8½	11	4	5½	6
Utd Bisc (*291)	280	25	34	41	10	15	20
	300	13	24	32	22	25	31
	330	7	13	19	43	45	48
Ultramar (*227)	235	18	27	-	14	20	-
	255	10	17	-	28	32	-
	275	6	12	-	46	49	-
Woolworth (*243)	240	16	22	28	6	10	12
	260	7	13	16	19	21	23
	280	3	7	10	38	40	42
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*181)	180	11	20	27	7½	13	15
	200	3½	11	17	20	24	27
	220	1½	6	11	40	40	40
Barclays (*401)	360	48	-	-	1½	-	-
	395	20	-	-	8	-	-
	429	4	-	-	32	-	-
Beecham (*455)	420	39	54	66	3½	10	17
	460	12	30	41	19	26	33
	500	3	14	25	51	53	55
Boots (*224)	200	27	36	42	2½	5½	9
	220	12	24	29	8	12	16
	240	6	13	19	22	24	27
BTR (*290)	260	35	44	-	1	3	-
	280	17	30	31	3½	8	12
	300	7	16	21	14	18	21
Blue Circ (*441)	390	68	72	-	2	6	-
	420	32	48	52	5	13	20
	460	10	24	28	26	30	38
	500	3	11	15	62	62	66
Dixons (*138)	140	7	13	19	6	10½	13½
	160	1	6½	11	28	25	26
	180	1	2½	-	42	42	-

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Glaxo (*1060)	1050	35	78	-	37	55	-
	1100	15	65	82	70	84	92
	1150	6	38	60	112	120	124
	1200	3	25	45	160	162	164
Hanson (*149)	130	21	22	-	1	2	-
	140	11½	15	17½	2	4	5
	160	1½	5	7½	14	15½	18
Hawker (*551)	500	54	73	83	4	10	14
	550	19	38	50	22	28	33
	600	4	14	22	62	63	69
Hillsdown (*263)	260	13	22	28	5	9	12
	280	3½	11	16	18	19	24
	300	½	6	-	36	36	-
Lonrho (*397)	360	52	68	77	8	25	30
	390	32	49	61	20	36	42
	420	18	36	48	36	54	58
Midland (*401)	390	22	35	40	6	18	20
	420	6	16	25	20	36	40
	460	2	6	12	62	68	70
Sears (*123)	120	8	16	20	5½	8½	10
	130	4½	10½	15	11	14½	16
	140	2½	7	11	19½	21	23½
Tesco (*132)	130	9	14	16	3	7	7
	140	3	9	11	9	12	14
	160	1	3½	4	28	28	29
Thorn EMI (*653)	600	68	85	104	3	12	18
	650	28	47	67	15	28	35
	700	9	24	38	48	58	64
THF (*261)	240	30	38	46	2½	10	14
	260	17½	26	35	6½	19	23
	280	8	17	26	21	31	34
Unilever (*472)	420	62	77	83	1½	4½	9
	460	26	45	55	7½	15	21
	500	6	23	33	29	34	42
Wellcome (*461)	460	20	41	56	15	23	28
	500	6	22	36	44	45	48
	550	1	9½	21	90	90	90
	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise (*586)	550	38	60	77	18	30	35
	600	13	35	53	45	53	60
	650	4	20	35	83	86	90
RHM (*359)	360	9	17	-	8	19	-
	390	3	8	-	33	43	-
	420	1	4	-	62	68	-
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*284)	265	22	-	-	1	-	-
	280	8	18	25	3	9	13
	300	1	8	16	19	22	24
Brit Aero (*471)	420	57	72	80	1	5	13
	460	21	43	52	5	16	26
	500	2	23	32	28	36	47
	550	½	7	13	80	81	90
BAT Ind (*437)	420	22	41	49	1½	9	17
	460	3	19	27	24	30	38
	500	½	7½	14	63	64	67
Brit Tele (*246)	220	28	31	37	1	3	4
	240	8	16	23	2	8	10
	260	1	7	14	15	18	20
Cadbury (*358)	360	9	32	40	8	25	31
	390	2½	19	27	33	44	47
	420	1½	10	18	63	65	67
Guinness (*336)	300	38	50	58	2	4	8
	330	11	28	34	4	12	18
	360	2	12	16	26	28	34
Ladbroke (*439)	390	52	67	-	1	3½	-
	420	23	42	50	2	10	12
	460	3	18	25	22	26	29
LASMO (*490)	500	12	42	67	25	39	52
	550	3½	24	37	65	70	77
	600	1	15	26	113	115	115
Pilkington (*216)	200	22	27	33	2	6	8
	220	5	15	22	5	15	17
	240	1	7	13	22	26	28
Plessey (*166)	140	29	31	33	1	2	4
	160	10	15	21	2	7	9
	180	1½	7½	11	15	18	20
P & O (*562)	500	68	83	93	2	5	10
	550	20	45	57	4	15	25
	600	3	20	27	38	45	55
Prudential (*153)	160	1	9	12	7	9	14
	170	½	-	-	17	-	-
	180	½	4	4	27	27	28
Racal (*283)	300	2	17	26	18	28	32
	330	1	8	15	48	51	54
	360	¼	3½	8	78	81	83
RTZ (*442)	390	55	57	85	1	7	11
	420	27	47	60	3	16	20
	460	3	26	37	25	35	42
Vaal Reefs (*$74)	60	16	18	19	½	2½	4
	70	7	9½	12	2	6½	9
	80	1¼	6	7	8	13	15
Tr 12% 1995 (*108)	106	-	-	-	-	11/32	-
	110	-	7/16	-	1½	1½	-
	112	1/16	¼	-	3½	-	-
	114	1/16	1/16	-	-	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1803)

Series	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1700	125	135	138	148	2	6	15	22
1750	75	92	95	110	6	20	30	32
1800	27	52	61	82	20	35	42	46
1850	8	26	40	50	60	59	63	70
1900	1½	10	21	30	95	95	98	100
1950	1	3½	10	16	140	140	145	140
2000	½	—	—	—	190	—	—	—

November 11, 1988 Total: 34242 Calls 18770 Puts 15472 FT-SE: Calls 3386 Puts 7068
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 7	November 18	February 9	February 20

Call options were taken out on: 11/11/88 Greenwich Resources, Tranwood, Norfolk Capital, Control Securities, Eagle Trust, Trimoco, BAT, Blacks Leisure, Sears, Lloyds Chemists, Lonrho, Explaura, Chloride, BSG, Premier Cons, Davy International, Blue Arrow, Owners Abroad, Mount Charlotte, Oliver Resources, Tullow Oil, Dares Estates, Hambros, Countrywide, Moss Trust, Tootal, IMC.
Put & Call: Owners Abroad.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares fell steeply in early trading yesterday following a slump in the US bond prices with a continuing fall in the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 12.81 points to 2,101.88 at one stage when the transport indicator showed a decline of 3.62 to 919.93.

Declining issues led advancing shares by almost four to one. Trading was slow

Brokers said investors feared the Federal Reserve might soon be prompted to tighten credit policy.

	Nov 10	Nov 9
AMR Cp	49	48%
ASA	39%	40%
Aetna Life	47%	48
Allied Signal	33%	33%
Allis Chlm	½	½
Alcoa	53%	53%
Amax Inc	23¼	22¾
AMR Hess	29%	29%
Am Brands	54	53%
Am Cynmd	47%	47%
Am Ele Pwr	27¼	27¼
Amexa	27¼	27%
Am Family	13%	13
Am Home	80%	80%
Am Int Grp	64%	64½
Am Telph	28½	28%
Amoco Cp	72½	72¼
Anheuser B	31%	31¼
Arch Dan	20½	20%
Armco Steel	9%	9%
Asarco Inc	26%	26%
Ashland Oil	33%	34¼
Atl Richfld	78%	78%
Avon Prod	21%	21¼
Bk Boston	24	24
Bank NY	35%	35%
Bankamer	18	18½
Bkrs Tst NY	37½	37¼
Baxter	17%	17%
Beth Steel	21%	20¼
Boeing	63%	63½
Boise Casc	40½	41%
Borden	56	57%
Bristl Meyr	43	42%
BP	54%	53%
Brunswick	18¼	18%
Burl Nth	70%	70%
CBS	173	173¼
Cms Engy	24%	24%
CPC Int	50%	51%
CSX Cp	31¼	30%
Camp Soup	31½	31%
Can Pacific	16%	16¼
Caterpillar	61	60%
Centrl SW	31	30%
Champion	31¼	31%
Chase Man	28%	28%
Chem Bank	33%	32%
Chevron	44%	44%
Chrysler	25%	25%
Citicorp	24%	24½
Clark Eq	30%	30%
Coca Cola	42¼	42¼
Colgate	45%	46
Columb Gas	34½	33%
Cmb'tn Eng	28%	27%
Cmwlth Edl	31¼	31%
Cons Edis	45	44%
Consol Ng	39%	38½
Corn Data	19%	19%
Corning Gl	66%	67%
Crane	23%	23¼
Curtiss W	49%	49%
Data Genl	18	18
Deere Co	46%	46%
Delta Airl	50¼	50¼
Detroit Edl	16%	16½
Digital Eq	92¼	93
Disney	63%	63¼
Dow Chem	85¼	85%
Dressr Ind	27%	27½
Dupont	82¼	82½
Duke Pwr	46%	46%
East Kodak	45%	45%
Eaton Cp	51½	51%
Emerson El	30¼	29%
Emery Air	5	5
Exxon	44%	44½
Farah Inc	9%	9%

	Nov 10	Nov 9
Fedders	10¾	10¼
Fst Chicago	32¼	32¼
Fst Int Bncp	47¼	47¼
Fst Penn C	12%	12¼
FT Wachvia	37%	37%
Ford Motor	51	51½
GAF Cp	48	48½
GTE Cp	44%	44
Gen Cp	19%	20
Gn Dynam	52¼	52%
Gen Electric	45%	44½
Gen Inst	23%	23½
Gen Mills	52	52¼
Gen Motors	81½	83
Gen Pub Ut	36%	36¼
Genesco	4%	4%
Georgia Pac	34%	35
Gillette	35%	35½
Goodrich	52%	53%
Goodyear	49¼	49%
Gould	n.a	n.a
Grace Co	26%	26¼
Grt Atl Pac	43%	43%
Greyhnd	29%	30¼
Gruman	21%	21%
Gulf Westn	38%	38½
Heinz	45¼	45¼
Hercules	44%	45¼
Hewlett Pk	48	47%
Honeywell	61%	61¼
IC Ind	33%	33¼
ITT Cp	50%	51
INCO	28%	28%
Ing Rand Wi	33%	33%
Inland Steel	38%	38¼
IBM	119%	119%
Int Paper	45%	46
Irving Bk	76%	77
Jhsn & Jhsn	86%	86%
K Mart	35	35%
Kerr McGee	36%	36¼
Kimbrly Clrk	57	57%
Knght Ridr	45%	44¼
Kraft	103%	103
Kroger	17%	17%
LTV Cp	2%	2¼
Litton	70%	71¼
Lockheed	40%	40%
Lone Star	29%	29%
Man H'nver	28%	28%
Manville	1%	1%
Mapco	53%	53%
Marriott	31	30¼
Mt Marrieta	43%	43%
Masco Cp	25%	25%
Mcdonalds	46%	46
McDonnell	77¼	77%
Mead Cp	44%	44¼
Merck	57½	57%
Minsta Mng	60%	60½
Mobil	43¼	44
Monsanto	77½	77%
Montedison	15%	15¼
Morgan Jp	35½	35%
Motorola	38%	39%
NCR	54%	54¼
NL Indstrs	5%	5%
Nat Md Ent	22¼	22½
Nat Semi	9%	9%
Norfolk Sth	30%	30%
NW Bancrp	32%	32%
Occid Petl	26%	26½
Ogden Cp	28%	28%
Olin Cp	48%	48%
PPG Ind	38%	38%
Pac Enterp	39	39
Pac Gas El	17%	17%
Pan Am	2½	2%
Penney JC	53¼	53½

	Nov 10	Nov 9
Pennzoil	73	73¼
Pepsico	40¼	40
Pfizer	56%	56%
Phelps Dod	46%	48
Philip Mor	92%	93½
Philip Ptrl	19%	19
Pillsbury	58%	58%
Polaroid	36%	36%
Primerica	29	29
Proct Gble	82	82
Pub SE Gr	24½	24%
R Nabisco	89%	88¼
Raytheon	70	69%
Rynlds Metl	52%	52¼
Rockwell Int	20¼	19%
Royal Dutch	112%	111%
SFE Sopac	17%	17%
Sara Lee	45%	45%
Schlumb	33%	33¼
Scott Paper	38%	38½
Seagram	57½	56¾
Sears Roeb	41%	42¼
Sec Pac	37%	37%
Shell Trans	70%	70
Smith Beck	42%	43%
Sony Cp	46%	47
SW Bell	40%	39%
Squibb	68½	66%
Sun Comp	30%	28%
TDK	62½	63%
TRW Inc	42¼	42¼
Teledyne	329%	330%
Tenneco	50	50
Texaco	47%	46¼
Tex Eastn	27%	27%
Texas Inst	36¼	37%
Tex Util	28%	28¼
Textron	24½	24½
Travelers	35%	35%
UAL Cp	98%	98½
USG Cp	5%	6%
USX Cp	27%	27%
Unilever Plc	34½	34%
Un Carbide	26%	26½
Un Pac Cp	61¼	62
Unisys Cp	25%	26¼
Und Brand	15%	15%
Us West	58	57%
Utd Tech	39%	40%
Unocal	36%	36
Warn Lamb	73%	73
Wells Far	68¼	68%
Westg El	50%	51¼
Weyershr	24%	24%
Whirlpool	26%	26½
Woolworth	52%	52%
Xerox Cp	57%	57%
Zenith	19¼	19%

CANADIAN PRICES

	Nov 10	Nov 9
Agnco Eag	13%	13%
Alcan Alum	36%	36¼
Algoma Stl	n.a	n.a
Can Pacific	20	20%
Cominco	21%	21¼
Con Bathrst	15	15
Hawk S Can	20%	20%
Hud Bay M	20½	20½
Imasco	26%	28%
Imperial Oil	47%	47%
Inco	35¼	35%
Royl Trstco	16	16¼
Seagram	70%	70
Shelco 'A'	20%	20%
Thmsn N 'A'	27%	28
Varity Cp	3.55	3.55
WCT	16%	15¼
Weston	35¼	35%

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STOCK MARKET

Share prices take a tumble on dollar's sharp decline

The dollar's sharp drop sent share prices tumbling on the London stock market as the two-week trading account drew to a close.

The FT-SE 100 share index failed to hold on to an early lead and continued to deteriorate throughout the session. By 3pm it was 19.4 lower at 1,806.8 with dealers fearing it could drop below the 1,800-level before long. The narrower FT 30 share index also fell 15.3 to 1,463.5.

Government securities lost £¼ at the longer end, worried by the Bank of England's attempts at propping up the dollar and its warnings about high wage demands.

Once again the the problems within the US economy continued to dominate sentiment. The market has doubts about the ability of Mr George Bush, the President-elect, to deal with the huge US trade and budget deficits. It will be several weeks before he is sworn into office and in the meantime the speculators will attempt to drive the dollar even lower. Already there are fears about a rise in US interest rates which could have a knock-on effect around the world.

As a result, investors in London are now suffering from a bad case of cold feet and seem content to sit on the sidelines. The last two weeks, which have included the US presidential election, have been one of the dullest trading accounts in recent times. The prospects for the new account, starting on Monday, offer little hope for investors.

The next set of US trade figures is due on Wednesday. Analysts are looking for an improvement of at least $1 billion (£552 million) on the previous month's deficit of $10.6 billion. Anything less could see another run on share prices in London and in New York.

Sentiment was also hit by a £120 million sell programme. Cazenove, the broker, is reckoned to have carried out the business on behalf of one institutional client.

ICI enjoyed an early rise, climbing 4p to £10.26, bolstered by the news that it has applied for a listing of its shares on the Tokyo stock market. But enthusiasm for the move soon waned and the price returned to its overnight level of £10.22.

Norfolk Capital, the hotel and leisure group where Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher, holds a 5.29 per cent stake, hardened another ½p to 35½p. The group has been the subject of persistent takeover talk in recent years. This has been heightened in the past month by the unusually high levels of turnover in the shares leading to suggestions that someone is trying to build up a stake.

On Tuesday alone, 28 million shares, or 7 per cent of the equity, changed hands. Dealers say it is possible that someone may have already built up a holding of between 2 and 3 per cent. Mr Nazmu Virani, who boasts his own private hotel chain, and Mr Gerald Ronson have both been tipped as possible stakebuilders.

Dealers claim Kleinwort Grieveson and Warburg Securities, the rival broker, have both been big buyers of Norfolk. Another broker, Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, estimates that net asset should exceed 45p a share by the end of the year but still does not reflect the development potential of all of the group's properties.

The dollar's weakness took its toll of the big exporters. Falls were seen in **Glaxo**, 12p to £10.64, and **Jaguar**, 3p to 279p. **British Aerospace**, which was downgraded earlier this week by Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham-based broker, because of its exposure to the dollar, continued to lose ground but managed to close above its worst levels. It finished a net 9p lower at 475p,after 471p earlier in the session.

Sharp says it is worried that the dollar's weakness will continue to eat into BAe's profits.

Lloyds Bank was a nervous market sliding 10p to 323p ahead of Monday's extraordinary general meeting seeking approval for its proposed £1.1 billion merger with Abbey Life.

There is growing speculation that Abbey will fail to obtain the neccessary 75 per cent vote to allow the deal to go ahead. A number of its institutional shareholders, including many of its rival insurance and financial services companies, have been complaining that Lloyds has managed to achieve the deal, which will give it 57 per cent of Abbey Life, on the cheap.

But in some cases there appears to be a conflict of interest among those companies who are worried about Abbey Life appeared to shrug aside the worries. It scored an early lead but closed below its best levels with a rise of 1p at 279p.

Lourho, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland's international trading group, dipped below the 400p-level as recent intense bid speculation continued to subside. The price finished 6p lower at 397p despite reports that Mr Alan Bond, the Australian brewer, had continued adding to his holding. By the close of business a total of 10 million shares had changed hands.

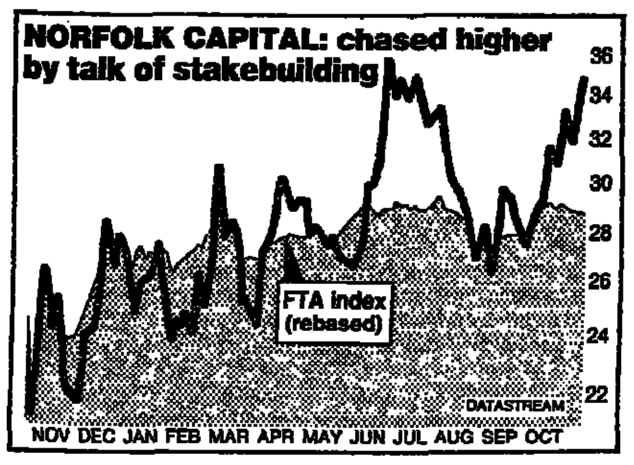
Smith New Court, the broker, and its rival, Merrill Lynch, the New York-based broking house, were both bidding for stock.

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries slipped 4p to 386p following the referral of Elders IXL's £1.6 billion bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Elders said its raid in the wake of the referral, which lifted its holding to 24 per cent, had been carried out properly within the letter of the law.

But dealers now fear that the S&N share price will start to lose ground.

Michael Clark

NORFOLK CAPITAL: chased higher by talk of stakebuilding



Sheppards, the broker, has changed its mind about Michael Peters, the USM-quoted company, following its recent acquisitions. It has raised its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £3 million to £3.2 million and says the current price of 118p, up 2p, is a buy opportunity for investors.

The transformation at F&H Group, suspended at 20p, continues. Mr Bob Morton, the chairman, has sold three subsidiaries, TR Mints, Amvelco and its West German operation. He plans to turn F&H into a computer and communication services group.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
BMSS (118p)	121 −2
Bucknall Aust (110p)	111
Builder Gp (125p)	159
Caldwell Inv	33
Chieftain Group	105 +1
Colonnade	138
Com-Tek	16½
Darby Group	140 −1
Edinburgh Hibernian	59 +1
Heritage (95p)	158 −2
Herring Son (150p)	153
Hi-Tech Sports	143
Jersey Gen Inv Tr	515
Jeyes Group	195 −1
Lincat Group (115p)	170
Melvil Group	123
Mitsubishi Bank	£14⅞ +½
Nat Telecom	144 −2
Newzealand Inv	97
Portmirion Potteries	188 −1
Racal Telecom	170½
Riva	125
SCR Corp	£18⁷⁄₁₆
SMAC Group	97
SWP	24 −1
Specialeyes	72 −1
Sunset & Vine	125
Swallowfield	160 +2
Thorntons (125p)	130 −1
Whitegate Leis P/P	14 −½

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Anglia Sec N/P	40
Bennett N/P	1½
Howden N/P	22 −3
Polly Peck N/P	45 −2
Regina H&B N/P	9
West Trust NP	1½

(Issue price in brackets).

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	4.00	4.10	3.28	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.75	8.03	6.42	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 [illegible]
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 [illegible]
Lloyds	7.87	7.87	6.30	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 [illegible]
"	8.56	8.56	6.85	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 [illegible]
Midland	7.92	7.92	6.35	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 [illegible]
" " "	8.11	8.11	6.49	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 [illegible]
NatWest	8.38	8.38	6.70	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 [illegible]
" " "	8.25	8.25	6.60	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 [illegible]
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	8.13	8.45	6.76	2,500	none	031-442 [illegible]
Barclays Prime a/c	7.70	7.92	6.34	1,000‡	none	0604 [illegible]
Co-operative Chq & Save[2]	6.15	6.31	5.11	500‡	none	01 626 [illegible]
Girobank	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000‡	none	051 966 [illegible]
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	1,000‡	none	01-407 [illegible]
Midland HICA	7.75	7.98	6.38	2,000‡	none	
NatWest Special Reserve	5.00	5.10	4.08	500‡	none	01-726 [illegible]
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.05	8.31	6.65	2,500	none	031-556 [illegible]
TSB England & Wales	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.50	5.50	4.40	1 min	—	
Best buy — largest socs:						
B'ham Midshires	5.56	5.56	4.52	1 min	none	
Britannia	7.80	7.80	6.24	250 min	—	
Bristol & West	8.00	8.00	6.40	500 min	—	
Britannia	8.60	8.60	6.88	10,000 min	—	
Northern Rock	8.90	8.90	7.12	20,000 min	—	
Best buy — all socs:						
City Metropolitan	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	none	
Hendon	8.95	8.95	7.16	500 min	30 day	
Universal	9.15	9.15	7.32	500 min	60 day	
Hampshire	9.15	9.36	7.32	500 min	90 day	
Coventry	9.75	9.75	7.80	1000min	3 yrs	
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	5.00	5.00	4.00	1 min		[illegible]
Alliance & Leicester	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		with [illegible]
Nationwide Anglia Flex	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		[illegible]

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-649 [illegible]
Investment A/c[4]	10.00	7.50	6.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649 [illegible]
Income Bond*[5]	10.75	8.00	6.45	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 [illegible]
Deposit Bond*[6]	10.75	8.00	6.45	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649 [illegible]
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-386 [illegible]
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 [illegible]
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Shield Assurance	9.50	9.50	8.08	2,000 min	1 yr	Figures from
New Direction Fin	8.75	8.75	7.36	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
MLA	8.80	8.80	7.42	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
American Life	9.25	9.25	7.85	10,000 min	4 yrs	01-404 5766
Canterbury Life	9.00	9.00	7.65	1,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (August 87-88)	+5.9%	Spanish Pesetas:	204.[illegible]
Bank Base Rate	12%	French Francs:	10.[illegible]
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachmas:	256.[illegible]
Credit Card	16–26.8%	Italian Lire:	2315.00

*[2]£9 quarterly service charge [3]2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross *10.75% from [illegible] Oct ‡Higher rates for larger sums*

LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Bristol & West 0272 294271	12.00	over £60,000	90	
Halifax 0422 657776	12.45	over £60,000	90	Endowment & Pension Loan only
Leeds Permanent 0532 438181	12.70	negotiable	90-100	
BANKS				
Algemene Bank 061 8329091	12.50	over £30,000	85	
OTHER (FINANCE HOUSE)				
Household Mortgage 0494 459100	12.35	over £20,000	80-95	Endowment loans only

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4OE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	12.04	12.68	+0.02	..
Bear	12.35	13.00	−0.07	..
Owl	15.25	16.06	−0.04	..
Bull	13.72	14.45	−0.03	..
Stag	14.13	14.88	−0.03	..
Gilt Edged	12.04		−0.06	..
Deposit	10.98		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.82	14.55	+0.04	..
Bear	14.44	15.20	−0.11	..
Owl	18.70	19.69	−0.08	..
Bull	16.63	17.51	−0.04	..
Stag	16.65	17.53	−0.04	..
Gilt Edged	13.39		−0.08	..
Deposit	12.06		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	185.0	189.7	−0.17	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	259.4	273.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	387.5	407.9	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	114.2	120.3	−0.3	..
Do Accum	129.6	136.5	−0.4	..
Selective Fund	279.9	313.6	−9.1	..
Money Fund	247.3	260.4	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	307.8	324.1	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	133.9	140.8	−0.3	..
Man Ser 4	379.2	399.2	−1.1	..
Conv Ser 4	220.9	232.6	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	220.6	232.3	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	218.6	230.2	−1.8	..
American Ser 4	249.0	262.2	−3.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	389.5	410.1	+1.3	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	131.4	138.4	+0.6	..
Japan Ser 4	267.3	281.4	−0.8	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	910.7	958.5	−8.2	..
European Fd Accum	202.2	212.7	−0.8	..
Fixed Int Acc	337.3	355.0	−1.7	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	224.6	236.3	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	353.5	372.0	−2.8	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	200.3	210.8	−0.2	..
Japan Fund	275.2	289.6	−1.1	..
Nth American Fd Acc	151.0	158.9	−6.3	..
Prop Fd Acc	294.4	309.9	+1.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	621.1	653.7	−4.2	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	250.1	263.3	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	747.0	786.4	−3.5	..
Property Accum	452.2	476.0	+0.5	..
Far East Accum	175.5	184.8	+1.0	..
Managed Capital	345.4	363.6	−1.4	..
Do Accum	594.1	625.4	−2.3	..
Overseas Accum	495.2	521.3	−2.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	309.9	326.3	−1.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	365.1	384.4	−9.0	..
Amer Man Accum	170.7	179.7	−4.0	..
Amer Prop Accum	126.7	133.4	−1.0	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	299.2	315.0	−0.33	..
Managed Income	136.0	143.2	+1.20	..
International	177.9	187.3	−1.15	..
High Income	201.1	211.7	+2.11	..
Income & Growth	275.8	290.3	+3.40	..
Basic Resource	115.3	121.3	+0.52	..
American	157.1	165.4	−1.21	..
Japan & General	438.3	461.4	+0.90	..
Special Situations	238.9	251.5	−1.17	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	557.4	586.8	−1.6	..
Do Initial	455.8	479.8	−1.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	235.6	248.1	−1.1	..
Do Initial	194.3	204.6	−1.0	..
International Accum	275.0	289.5	−1.6	..
Do Initial	225.3	237.2	−1.4	..
Managed Accum	362.4	381.5	−1.3	..
Do Initial	297.5	313.2	−1.0	..
Money Accum	195.7	206.1	+0.2	..
Do Initial	155.8	164.1	..	..
Property Accum	284.4	299.4	+0.1	..
Do Initial	231.4	243.6	−0.1	..
America Accum	157.3	165.6	−3.9	..
Do Initial	131.1	138.1	−2.5	..
Australia Accum	172.2	181.3	+0.9	..
Do Initial	143.9	151.5	−2.8	..
Financial Accum	248.0	261.1	−1.4	..
Do Initial	206.8	217.7	−2.8	..
500 Accum	301.2	317.1	−1.4	..
Do Initial	247.5	260.6	−2.8	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	416.6	438.6	−0.5	..
Do Initial 2	340.3	358.3	+1.5	..
Income Accum	314.6	331.1	−2.0	..
Do Initial	261.0	274.8	+1.9	..
Leisure Accum	199.1	209.6	−1.1	..
Special Sits Accum	152.1	160.2	−1.0	..
Univ Tech Accum	102.5	107.9	−1.3	..
Do Initial	87.4	92.1	−0.6	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	469.46		−0.99	..
Income Fund	444.0	467.4	−1.31	..
Extra Income Fund	414.4	436.2	+1.38	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	300.4	316.2	−0.62	..
Balanced Fund	360.6	379.6	−0.47	..
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	542.5	571.1	+0.93	..
Int Technology Fund	295.4	311.0	−1.26	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	206.9	217.8	−7.11	..
Energy Int Fund	118.8	125.0	−0.71	..
Pacific Basin Fund	269.6	283.8	+1.34	..
German Growth Fd	107.7	113.4	−3.07	..
Japan Growth Fd	171.1	180.1	+1.76	..
The UK Gth Fd	128.7	135.5	−0.57	..
Cond Euro Gth	67.99	71.56	+0.01	..
Property Fund	269.8	273.5	+0.36	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Index-Linked	131.0	137.9	+0.6	..
Equity	218.3	229.8	−1.2	..
Cash	152.9	161.0	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	216.4	227.8	−0.9	..
Midland Bk Int	212.4	223.6	−4.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£78.57		−0.72	..
Property Units	£29.41		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.77	41.03	−0.20	..
2nd Equity Accum	387.6	410.2	−3.4	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	376.8	396.7	−1.9	..
2nd Property Accum	283.5	300.0	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	126.3	133.6	−0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	278.0	292.1	−1.4	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	117.6	124.4	−0.4	..
2nd Deposit Accum	194.2	205.5	+0.1	..
2nd Gilt Accum	201.4	213.1	−2.0	..
2nd Amer Accum	210.5	222.8	−3.4	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	191.6	202.8	+1.3	..
2nd Index Accum	124.4	131.6	+0.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	226.8	240.0	+2.0	..
2nd Global Accum	81.4	86.1	−0.9	..
2nd Euro Accum	87.0	92.1	+0.1	..
2nd Japan Accum	151.9	160.7	+0.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	96.0	101.6	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	92.7	98.1	+0.5	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	98.8	104.6	−0.4	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd. Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	168.1	177.0	..	..
Money Fund	255.6	269.1	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	469.3	494.0	−1.5	..
Equity Fund	363.0	382.2	+0.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	163.7	172.4	−0.9	..
Far East Fund	242.5	255.3	+2.2	..
Nth Amer Fund	107.6	113.3	−3.5	..
Nat Resources Fund	193.5	203.7	−1.2	..
Alexandra Fund	115.6	121.7	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	160.6	169.1	−0.1	..
Equity	189.6	199.6	+0.1	..
Property	174.5	183.7	+0.3	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	131.2	138.2	−0.5	..
Indexed Secs	110.7	116.6	−0.3	..
Cash	124.6	131.2	+0.2	..
Nth American	102.7	108.2	−3.2	..
Far East	153.4	161.5	+0.2	..
International	121.4	127.8	−1.0	..
Special Sits	176.7	186.1	+1.8	..
Intl Income	168.4	177.3	−0.3	..
American Inc	100.6	105.9	−2.3	..
European	157.6	165.9	+0.1	..
Japanese	115.2	121.3	−1.0	..
SE Asia	131.0	137.9	−0.4	..
Home Inv WP Reg	99.0	104.2	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	99.0	104.2	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	159.5	167.9	−0.4	..
Equity	175.3	184.6	..	..
Property	162.1	170.7	+0.4	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	148.0	155.8	−0.7	..
Index Linked	117.2	123.4	−0.2	..
Cash	140.0	147.4	+0.3	..
Nth American	108.9	114.7	−3.7	..
Far East Acc	195.9	206.3	−1.0	..
International Acc	140.1	147.5	−1.3	..
Special Sits	249.2	262.4	−0.2	..
European Flex	190.6	200.7	−0.7	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass:Key	172.22		+0.90	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	219.97		+1.87	..
CML U Ass:Cash	139.7	147.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Equity	330.0	347.4	..	..
CML U Ass:FI	216.4	227.8	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	254.6	268.0	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	331.4	348.8	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	140.8	148.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	166.6	175.3	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	769.1	809.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	909.7	957.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	242.6	255.4	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	287.0	302.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	146.3	154.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	173.0	182.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	358.1	377.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	423.6	445.9	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	331.86		−1.52	..
Var Ann (5)	64.62		−1.02	..
Prime- Managed	257.9	271.5	−0.4	..
Prime- UK Equity	310.4	326.8	+0.2	..
Prime- Int Equity	189.9	199.9	−1.5	..
Prime- Property	168.7	177.6	+1.3	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	161.1	169.6	−1.7	..
Prime- Index-Linked	115.2	121.3	+0.1	..
Prime- Cash	136.0	143.2	+0.1	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	708.9	746.2	..	..
Equity Fund	984.0	1035.7	..	..
PIP Fund	£30.097		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	347.7	365.9	−2.8	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	255.8	269.2	−1.7	..
Life Equity Accum	428.3	451.4	−2.7	..
Life Money Accum	198.8	209.2	+0.3	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	437.6	460.6	−1.2	..
Life Intl Accum	322.7	339.6	−5.3	..
Life High Inc Accum	479.2	504.4	−5.3	..
Life Property Accum	225.5	234.2	+1.6	..
Crown Bft Inv A	681.7	719.7	..	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East Opp	100.0	105.8	+0.2	..
Gth Prop Series 1	178.5	187.9	+4.4	..
Gth Prop Series 2	136.2	144.1	+2.7	..
Fixed Int	108.3	114.6	−0.3	..
Cash	106.7	112.9	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	338.9	342.2	..	..
Overseas	85.9	90.9	−0.3	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	116.3	122.5	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	148.2	156.1	−0.4	..
Adventurous Fund	154.0	162.2	−0.3	..
Performance Fund	159.1	167.5	−0.6	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	183.5	193.2	−1.8	4.31
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	503.7	530.2	−5.8	..
Higher Income Fund	532.1	560.1	−8.4	..
Property Fund	371.8	391.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	270.9	285.1	−1.5	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	118.9	125.1	..	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	196.7	207.0	+0.1	..
Nth America Fund	195.0	205.2	−3.8	..
Far East Fund	338.0	355.7	+3.1	..
Europe Fund	205.4	216.2	−0.5	..
International Fund	278.1	292.7	−1.6	..
Mixed Fund	385.8	406.1	−6.4	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	178.5	187.8	−0.7	..
UK Equity	217.5	229.0	−0.9	..
Stewardship	221.5	233.2	−5.4	..
Overseas Equity	167.8	176.7	−0.9	..
North American	80.1	85.4	−2.3	..
Pacific Basin	97.6	102.8	+0.7	..
European	93.0	97.9	−1.3	..
Property	175.8	185.1	−0.1	..
Fixed Interest	145.1	152.8	−0.5	..
Index Linked	112.3	118.3	+0.3	..
Cash	131.8	138.8	+0.2	..
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	179.0	188.5	−3.2	..
GT Plan High Yield	243.7	256.6	+1.5	..
GT Plan Far East	214.7	226.1	+1.2	..
GT Plan North Amer	108.3	114.1	−2.2	..
GT Plan UK & GE	323.3	340.4	+1.0	..
GT Plan Worldwide	251.8	265.1	−0.1	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	127.1	133.7	−0.6	..
UK Equity	179.0	188.3	−0.1	..
Fixed Int	126.5	133.1	−0.5	..
Index-Linked	111.2	117.0	−0.4	..
Cash Deposit	118.2	124.3	+0.1	..
Property	136.3	143.4	+0.7	..
International	105.8	111.3	−1.0	..
American	78.6	82.6	−1.7	..
Japan	131.6	138.4	−1.7	..
Japan Smllr Co's	132.9	139.8	−1.8	..
European	101.8	107.1	−1.1	..
Pacific Fund	95.8	100.8	−0.4	..
Pen Convertable	95.8	101.8	..	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	484.7		−1.8	..
Do Int	326.5		−1.3	..
Do Inv a	484.6	510.2	−1.9	..
UK Equity	264.9	278.9	−1.2	..
Oasis Equity	149.9	157.9	−1.0	..
Smaller Cos	172.3	181.5	+0.2	..
Gilt Plus	139.5	147.0	−0.9	..
Do 88	128.3	135.1	−1.0	..
Fixed Int Dep	125.1	131.8	+0.2	..
Managed	200.7	211.3	−0.8	..
Inter Man	165.0	173.6	−0.9	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	459.8	484.5	−3.2	..
Money Fund	212.8	224.0	+0.4	..
Equity Fund	396.8	417.9	−2.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	164.1	172.9	−0.6	..
Property Fund	286.6	302.0	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	226.0	238.1	−5.3	..
Income	486.3	512.4	−0.2	..
International Growth	256.9	270.7	−4.8	..
Capital Fund	469.5	494.7	−2.1	..
Recovery Fund	322.6	339.9	−3.7	..
Japan & General	190.6	200.8	+1.0	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	654.1	681.3	..	..
Managed Initial	330.0	347.3	+0.3	..
Do Accum	410.5	432.1	+0.5	..
Equity Initial	509.9	536.7	+1.0	..
Do Accum	633.1	666.4	+1.5	..
Fixed Int Initial	278.8	293.6	−1.8	..
Do Accum	346.9	365.2	−1.9	..
Intl Initial	312.1	328.5	−3.7	..
Do Accum	388.3	408.7	−4.5	..
Nth Amer Initial	99.4	104.6	−4.1	..
Do Accum	112.6	118.4	−4.8	..
Pacific Initial	195.2	205.4	+1.1	..
Do Accum	218.9	230.4	+1.4	..
Property Initial	197.1	207.4	..	..
Do Accum	245.0	257.9	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	111.5	117.3	−0.3	..
Do Accum	126.2	132.8	−0.3	..
Deposit Initial	148.1	155.9	+0.1	..
Do Accum	184.2	193.9	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	71.5	75.2	−0.6	..
Do Accum	74.8	78.7	−0.6	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	318.1	335.6●	−4.5	..
Gilt Edged Fund	86.3	91.1●	−3.2	..
Capital Growth Inc	293.6	309.9	−2.9	..
Technology Fund	121.4	128.2	−0.6	..
Natural Resources	93.1	98.3	..	..
Special Situations	264.5	279.2	−1.7	..
North America Fund	190.6	201.2	−2.3	..
Far East Fund	323.9	341.9	+2.9	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Fund	315.9	333.5	−1.0	..
Deposit Fund	151.1	159.1	+0.2	..
Prime Residential	165.9	174.7	..	..
Property Fund	225.3	237.2	+0.4	..
Managed Currency	115.5	121.9	+0.1	..
Global Health Care	121.0	127.8	−2.2	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	304.6	320.7	−1.0	..
British Fund	276.6	291.2	−3.7	..
International Fund	277.3	291.9	−2.8	..
Dollar Fund	189.3	199.3	−6.0	..
Capital Fund	273.0	287.4	−1.0	..
Income Fund	372.6	392.3	−2.0	..
Property Series 'A'	348.2	366.6	..	..
Property Units	607.6	638.0	..	..
Financial Fund	267.2	281.3	−1.9	..
Managed Series 'A'	329.4	346.8	+0.2	..
Do 'C'	222.6	234.4	..	..
Managed Units	579.8	610.4	+0.6	..
High Yield Fund	371.5	391.1	..	..
Money Series 'A'	191.6	201.7	..	..
Money Units	247.4	260.6	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	358.2	377.1	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	229.2	241.3	−0.8	..
Indexed Secs Fund	122.7	129.2	+0.4	..
European Fund	382.9	403.1	+1.5	..
Natural Res Fund	178.6	188.0	+1.1	..
Far East Fund	366.5	385.8	−1.8	..
Smaller Co's Fund	395.1	415.9	−1.3	..
Special Sits Fund	300.0	315.8	−1.8	..
Man Currency Fund	167.0	175.8	−0.1	..
Japanese Tech	172.7	181.8	−1.0	..
US Smaller Co's	87.0	91.6	−1.6	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD 89, London Road, Gloucester. GL1 3LE 0452 500500 (Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	296.6	322.5	−3.0	..
Managed Fd	260.7	274.4	−1.1	..
Fixed Int Fd	252.8	266.2	..	..
Secure Cap Fd	188.6	198.6	+0.9	..
Equity Fd	730.5	769.1	−7.1	..
Property Fd	225.2	237.1	+0.1	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	331.7	349.3	−1.3	..
Gtd Mgd	332.0	349.6	−0.8	..
Property	402.0	423.3	+0.3	..
American	218.6	230.2	−3.9	..
UK Equity Fd	417.2	439.2	−4.1	..
High Yield	481.6	507.1	−1.5	..
Gilt Edged	283.2	298.2	−0.9	..
Money	267.1	281.2	+0.4	..
International	264.0	278.0	+1.5	..
Henderson Active	140.9	148.5	−0.5	..
Perpetual Active	146.9	154.7	−1.3	..
Growth Cap	297.8	313.6	−0.5	..
Do Accum	398.0	419.1	−0.7	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY 01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	321.4	338.3	−1.9	..
Global Property 3	183.4	193.0	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	316.6	333.3	−1.4	..
Global Equity 3	355.1	373.8	−2.3	..
Global Cash 3	141.2	148.6	−22.9	..
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	222.9	234.7	+0.2	..
UK Equity	346.6	364.9	−5.8	..
Property	270.4	284.7	+0.3	..
Money Market	168.1	176.9	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest	206.8	217.7	−0.4	..
Japan	319.8	336.7	..	..
North America	99.2	104.5	−2.7	..
International	189.2	199.4	..	..
European	132.0	139.0	−2.5	..
Far East	92.8	97.7	−0.3	..
Special Sits	81.8	86.2	+0.3	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724566				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	109.9	115.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum	124.5	131.1	+0.1	..
Brit Opps Inc	99.7	105.0	−1.8	..
Do Accum	102.7	108.2	−1.9	..
Cash Initial	134.7	141.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	192.5	202.7	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	419.1	441.2	−9.8	..
Do Accum	598.9	630.5	−12.7	..
Fixed Initial	260.8	274.6	−1.5	..
Do Accum	372.6	392.3	−2.2	..
Index-Linked Gilt	103.3	108.8	−0.3	..
Do Accum	126.0	132.7	−0.3	..
Intl Initial	253.9	267.3	−2.8	..
Do Accum	357.2	376.1	−3.6	..
Managed Initial	321.5	338.5	−4.0	..
Do Accum	459.4	483.6	−5.8	..
Property Initial	202.2	212.9	+0.2	..
Do Accum	288.9	304.2	+0.3	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	232.9	241.5	+8.3	..
LONDON LIFE 100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	544.0		−3.8	..
Fixed Interest	253.8		−1.5	..
Property	251.1		+0.1	..
Deposit	192.0		+0.2	..
Mixed	362.8		−2.6	..
Indexed Stock	137.8		+0.6	..
International	168.3		−2.4	..
Equity A	127.4		−0.9	..
Fixed Int A	113.7		−0.6	..
Property A	129.1		..	..
Deposit A	113.9		+0.1	..
Mixed A	120.4		−0.8	..
Index Stock A	106.6		+0.6	..
International A	106.1		−1.5	..
Equity P	429.6		−5.8	..
Fixed Int P	301.7		−1.9	..
Property P	242.4		−0.2	..
Deposit P	195.6		+0.4	..
Mixed P	315.2		−3.4	..
Index Stock P	154.4		+0.7	..
International P	183.4		−3.0	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	423.2		−0.6	..
Do Accum	546.8		−0.4	..
Property Cap	184.5		..	..

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Do Accum	208.4		+0.1	..
Fixed Interest Cap	164.8		−1.3	..
Do Accum	207.9		−1.5	..
Equity Cap	217.5		−0.7	..
Do Accum	276.3		−0.7	..
International Cap	169.7		−0.7	..
Do Accum	214.3		−0.8	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	150.0		..	..
Do Accum	188.4		+0.1	..
Flexible Cap	253.6		−1.2	..
Do Accum	322.0		−1.2	..
Moneymaker Fund	291.5		−1.0	..
Capital Growth Fund	845.4		−1.9	..
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	190.8	200.5	−6.5	..
Amer Rec Bond	227.5	239.0	−10.0	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	83.7	87.9	−2.8	..
Australasia Bond	147.4	154.9	−3.2	..
Commodity Bond	167.6	176.0	−0.4	..
Deposit Bond Acc	240.1	252.2	+0.3	..
Equity Bond Accum	775.1	813.9	−1.3	..
European Bond Acc	185.0	194.3	−1.0	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	417.1	438.0	−0.6	..
Far East Bd Accum	127.5	134.0	−0.1	..
Gilt Bond Accum	272.7	286.4	−2.4	..
Gold Bond Accum	93.4	98.2	−0.1	..
High Yield Bond	268.9	282.4	−0.8	5.94
Index-Linked Gt Bd	140.0	147.1	+0.3	..
International Bond	399.3	419.3	−4.6	..
Japan Bond Acc	252.8	265.4	−3.2	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	181.8	191.0	−1.0	..
Managed Bonds	504.3	529.7	−5.0	..
Prop Bond Accum	335.8	352.7	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	412.9	433.6	−1.7	..
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	209.7	220.8	..	..
Do Accum	247.3	260.4	..	..
Special Sits Fund	199.1	209.6	−1.6	..
Do Accum	234.9	247.3	−1.5	..
North American Fd	122.6	129.1	−2.1	..
Do Accum	144.8	152.3	−2.4	..
Pacific Basin Fund	265.4	279.4	+0.8	..
Do Accum	313.0	329.5	+1.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	217.6	229.1	−1.0	..
Do Accum	256.6	270.2	−0.8	..
Property Fund	156.7	165.0	..	..
Do Accum	184.7	194.5	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	115.2	121.3	+0.1	..
Do Accum	135.8	143.0	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	199.9	210.5	−0.5	..
Do Accum	235.7	248.2	−0.6	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	439.2	462.3	..	..
Property Fund	375.9	395.7	..	..
Equity Fund	529.2	557.1	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	381.0	401.0	..	..
Deposit Fund	219.3	230.8	..	..
Investment Fund	227.2	239.5	..	..
International Fund	343.5	361.6	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property	438.9		−0.1	..
Equity Bond	175.8		−0.8	..
Money Market Bond	320.5		−1.6	..
Deposit Fund	255.1		+0.3	..
Managed Fund	295.0		−0.8	..
Intl Equity	304.6		−0.8	..
Intl Managed	290.3		−0.8	..
North American	111.8		−2.0	..
Far East	263.1		+1.9	..
Intl Currency	173.4		−0.2	..
NM SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	85.5	90.0	..	..
Fixed Interest	342.7	360.1	−2.0	..
Managed	428.7	451.2	−0.8	..
Deposit	230.9	243.0	+0.2	..
Overseas	237.3	249.7	−1.6	..
Property	350.0	368.4	−0.4	..
American	216.2	227.5	−4.6	..
Australian	266.5	280.5	+1.3	..
European	296.1	311.6	−0.9	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	184.6	194.3	−1.0	..
Global Managed	101.0	106.3	−0.8	..
Income Accum	478.0	503.1	+3.1	..
Do Dist	392.2	412.8	+2.7	..
International	248.4	261.4	−1.7	..
Japan Smaller	267.9	282.0	−3.8	..
Singapore & Mal	123.7	130.2	−0.6	..
Smaller Companies	393.3	414.0	+1.8	..
Tokyo Fund	440.6	463.7	−2.5	..
UK Equity	379.7	399.6	..	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	411.5	433.1	−4.2	..
Equity Pension Cap	597.1	628.5	..	..
Overseas Pension	262.2	276.0	−2.1	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	295.9	311.5	−1.0	..
UK Equity	372.5	392.2	−0.5	..
Overseas Equity	268.6	282.8	−1.5	..
Americas	200.4	211.0	−3.9	..
Far East	328.0	345.3	−1.3	..
Property	192.8	203.0	..	..
Fixed Interest	219.9	231.5	−1.3	..
Indexed Gilt	129.4	136.3	+0.3	..
Deposit	143.5	151.1	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	754.3	798.2	−5.1	..
Equity Fund	£15.10	15.89	−0.12	..
Property Fund (3)	424.3	446.7	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	392.5	413.2	−1.7	..
Deposit Fund (3)	224.1	235.9	+0.3	..
Intl Fund (30)	126.5	133.2	−1.4	..
Unit-Linked Plus	822.3		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1857				
Inv Prop Dist	175.6	185.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	296.6	312.3	+0.2	..
Inv Equity	670.0	705.3	−3.0	..
Inv Managed	481.3	506.7	−2.7	..
Ret Managed	459.4	483.6	−1.8	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 5876				
Wealth Assured	390.5	411.1	−2.7	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	347.7	366.9	..	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund	408.2		+1.6	..
Property Fund (A)	389.7		+1.4	..
Agricultural Fund	506.1		+0.1	..
Agric Fund (A)	488.4		+0.2	..
Abbey Nat Fund	304.7		+0.6	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	326.4		+1.0	..
Investment Fund	211.4		−1.2	..
Investment Fund (A)	204.8		−1.2	..
Equity Fund	759.0		−2.0	..
Equity (A)	738.5		−1.9	..
Money Fund	305.8		+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)	258.1		+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund	353.3		−1.9	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	265.8		−1.5	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	265.8		−1.5	..
Retire Annuity	794.8		..	..
Immed Annuity	323.0		..	..
International Fund	379.4		−6.1	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	152.3		+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	191.9	202.5	−1.7	..
Fixed Interest Acc	140.9	148.7	−0.4	..
International Accum	132.0	139.3	−0.1	..
Managed Accum	146.4	154.4	−0.6	..
Property Accum	221.9	234.1	−0.4	..
Money Accum	102.1	107.8	+0.1	..
Special Mkt Accum	99.0	104.5	+0.9	..
Japan Growth Acc	133.0	140.4	−1.0	..
N Amer Accum	87.4	92.2	−3.4	..
Pacific Accum	73.4	77.5	..	..
Technology Accum	100.0	105.5	−1.8	..
Natural Res Accum	58.2	61.4	−0.2	..
Japan Grwth Accum	214.6	226.5	−0.7	..
European Accum	78.6	83.0	+0.3	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	293.0	308.4	−1.2	..
Managed Initial	240.2	252.8	−1.2	..
Equity Ord	410.4	432.0	−2.2	..
Equity Init	336.5	354.2	−1.9	..
Indxd-Lnkd Gilt Ord	131.6	138.5	−0.4	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	112.7	118.6	−0.5	..
Oseas Equity Ord	257.7	271.3	−1.8	..
Oseas Equity Initial	211.3	222.4	−1.5	..
Property Ord	178.4	187.8	+0.2	..
Property Initial	146.2	153.9	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	174.6	183.8	−0.8	..
Fixed Int Initial	143.1	150.6	−0.8	..
Deposit Ord	137.4	144.6	+0.2	..
Deposit Initial	112.6	118.5	..	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	524.0	552.2	−1.1	..
Cash Fund	222.3	234.3	+0.3	..
Property Fund	271.6	286.3	+2.0	..
Equity Fund	572.6	603.6	−2.4	..
Fxd Interest Fund	288.4	303.9	+0.6	..
International	250.9	264.4	−2.0	..
High Income	417.7	440.2	−3.0	..
Far East	371.9	391.9	+9.4	..
North American	208.0	219.2	−4.4	..
Special Sits	520.0	548.0	−5.3	..
Technology	213.3	224.8	−0.1	..
Extra Income Fund	244.9	258.1	−1.6	..
Gilt Fund 20	299.0	317.1	−1.1	..
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	212.1	221.9	−1.2	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	449.8	467.2	−0.6	..
Equity Fund	891.4	938.4	+2.1	..
Intl Fund	298.2	313.9	−3.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	367.9	387.3	−1.0	..
Property Fund	353.3	371.9	+0.6	..
Cash Fund	242.8	255.6	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	170.6	179.6	−0.1	..
N American Fd	116.9	123.1	−4.3	..
Euro Fund	131.8	138.8	−0.6	..
Balanced Fund	103.7	109.2	−0.5	..
Strategic Fund	103.1	108.6	−0.1	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	279.7	294.4	−1.4	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	335.7	353.3	−1.5	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	390.6	411.3	−1.4	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	239.8	252.4	−1.5	..
Series 2 Money Fd	170.0	178.9	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	224.2	235.9	−1.9	..
Tulip Invest Fund	274.2	288.6	+0.7	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	353.8	372.4	−1.7	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	243.9	256.7	−1.3	..
Do Accum	290.1	305.3	−1.5	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Cliftons Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (48)	450.61		+7.48	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	450.5	474.3	+7.6	..
Op 8 Prop	403.2	424.5	+2.8	..
Op 8 Equity	723.2	761.3	−0.7	..
Op 8 High Yield	345.2	363.4	−3.8	..
Op 8 Managed	546.0	574.6	−2.5	..
Op 8 Deposit	261.5	275.4	+0.4	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	83.0	87.4	−0.4	8.75
Amer Smaller	92.6	97.5	−2.2	..
Commodity	71.0	74.8	−0.1	..
Extra Inc	141.1	148.6	−0.4	..
Far East	141.4	148.9	−0.2	..
First Secs	150.4	158.4	−1.5	..
Gold Gen	36.9	38.9	−0.2	..
Inc Gth	223.5	235.3	+0.9	..
Intl Fund	138.7	146.0	−0.7	..
Japan Perf	257.0	270.6	+2.5	..
Japan Smlr	150.6	158.6	−1.2	..
Natl High	224.5	236.4	−1.6	..
Prop Shs	186.1	195.9	−0.7	..
Intl Recovery	197.0	207.4	−1.8	..
Smaller Cos	282.6	297.5	−0.7	..
Univ Energy	52.8	55.6	−1.2	..
World Tech	94.3	99.3	−1.2	..
Managed Gth	168.3	177.2	−0.6	..
Gilt	92.5	96.9	−0.7	..
Hong Kong	65.0	68.5	−0.9	..
Aust Gth	59.4	62.6	+0.4	..
Amer (35,34)	112.1	118.0	−2.5	..
Australian	56.1	59.1	+0.4	..
British	171.0	180.1	−0.8	..
Commodity	113.7	119.7	+2.4	..
Extra Inc	184.7	194.6	−1.1	..
Far Eastern	221.2	232.9	−0.1	..
Intl Fixed Int	84.2	88.7	+2.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global (35,34)	261.9	275.7	−2.2	..
Gold Share	49.6	52.3	+1.4	..
High Income	249.7	262.9	−1.3	..
Income	323.1	340.2	−0.7	..
Japan	276.3	290.9	+1.1	..
Oil Energy	138.4	145.7	..	..
Special Sits	234.6	247.0	−3.1	..
UK Smlr Co's	281.7	296.6	+0.4	..
Mart Growth	278.8	293.5	−1.1	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	558.5	591.0	−4.0	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	228.0	239.9	−1.7	..
Equity Fund	285.0	300.0	−2.1	..
Property Fund	206.6	217.4	−0.5	..
International Fund	280.2	294.9	−2.1	..
Pacific Basin Fund	190.0	200.0	+0.2	..
United States Fund	122.9	129.3	−2.6	..
Gilt Fund	205.9	216.7	−0.5	..
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	466.2	495.5	−2.2	..
Deposit Fund (2)	247.7	262.2	+0.5	..
Gilt Fund	323.1	342.0	−1.8	..
Global Equity Fund	139.3	147.5	−0.7	..
Property Fund (46)	79.1	83.8s	+0.6	..
AG Bond Fund	99.0	104.8	..	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	373.9	393.6	−2.2	..
Fixed Interest	222.7	234.5	−0.5	..
International	236.8	249.1	−2.8	..
Property	198.2	208.7	+1.1	..
Cash	153.8	161.9	+0.2	..
Managed	286.2	301.3	−1.4	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	116.3	122.4	+0.09	..
Index-Linked	100.9	106.3	..	..
Fixed Interest	121.9	128.4	+0.3	..
Mixed	145.2	152.9	−0.3	..
UK Equity	136.4	143.6	−0.7	..
International	153.3	161.4	+0.1	..
American	107.9	113.6	−1.4	..
Japan	213.4	224.7	+2.2	..
European	146.5	154.3	−0.5	..
Pacific	190.1	200.2	+0.9	..
Technology	134.5	141.6	−1.5	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	141.5	149.0	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	161.2	169.6	+0.1	..
UK Equity	198.1	208.5●	−0.6	..
American	130.5	137.5●	−3.6	..
Pacific	203.8	214.6●	+0.5	..
European	230.2	242.4	−1.7	..
International	169.4	178.4	−1.1	..
Fixed Interest	141.2	148.7	−0.8	..
Index Linked	132.2	139.2	−0.7	..
Deposit	126.0	132.7	+0.1	..
Managed	165.7	174.5	−0.7	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£10.63	10.86	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	142.5	150.0	+0.1	..
Growth Fund	150.9	158.9	..	..
Opportunity Fund	149.7	157.6	..	..
Cash Fund	116.1	122.3	+0.1	..
European Fund	180.9	190.5	+0.8	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	123.3	129.8	−0.5	..
Index-Linked Fund	117.0	123.2	+0.1	..
International Fund	151.8	159.8	−1.1	..
North American Fd	107.7	113.4	−1.9	..
Property Fund	120.3	126.7	..	..
UK Equity	158.0	166.4	+0.5	..
UK Smaller	203.2	213.9	+0.4	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	165.3	174.1	−0.7	..
Equity	173.4	182.6	−0.7	..
International	162.6	171.2	−1.7	..
Property	205.4	216.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	133.2	140.3	−0.8	..
Index Linked	117.0	123.3	+0.2	..
Cash	127.0	133.8	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	522.9		..	..
Inv Pol 2	481.3	506.8	..	..
Inv Pol 3	467.3	492.0	..	..
Inv Cash	202.7	213.6	..	..
Mixed Fund	277.4	292.1	−1.6	..
Equity Fund	329.6	347.0	−2.8	..
Property Fund	203.4	214.2	+0.1	..
International Fund	250.0	263.3	−1.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	216.3	227.8	−1.0	..
Indexed Stock Fund	129.6	136.7	+0.2	..
Cash Fund	148.9	156.8	+0.2	..
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	235.9	248.3	−0.9	..
Equity Accum	285.5	300.5	−1.1	..
International Accum	222.6	234.3	−0.3	..
Property	188.6	198.5	+0.1	..
Royal Trust Mngd	150.6	158.7	−2.8	..
Britannia Mngd	123.4	129.8	+0.2	..
Framlington Mngd	143.7	151.2	−0.4	..
Gartmore Mngd	153.5	161.5	−0.1	..
Henderson Mngd	149.4	158.2	−0.8	..
TSB Managed	132.1	139.0	−0.6	..
North European	188.7	198.6	−0.6	..
Pacific	178.5	187.8	−0.1	..
Intl Recovery	154.1	162.2	+0.6	..
Gilt Plus Accum	197.0	207.3	−0.1	..
North American	111.7	117.5	−1.6	..
Deposit	177.2	186.5	+0.2	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	178.4	187.8	+0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity	526.7	554.5	−0.9	..
European	84.4	88.9	+0.1	..
Far East	111.5	117.4	+0.6	..
Fixed Interest	250.7	263.9	−1.5	..
Index Linked	134.5	141.6	−0.4	..
International	349.7	368.2	−2.3	..
Managed	385.5	405.8	−1.3	..
Nth American	74.6	78.6	−2.7	..
Property	252.1	265.4	..	..
Pension Funds				
Cash	240.6	253.3	+0.5	
Equity	710.4	747.8	−1.1	
European	84.4	88.9	+0.1	
Far East	111.5	117.4	+0.6	
Fixed Interest	297.8	313.5	−1.7	
Index Linked	173.7	182.9	−0.5	
International	479.0	504.3	−2.5	
Managed	508.4	535.3	−1.3	
Nth American	74.6	78.6	−2.7	
Property	305.9	322.1	+0.3	
Stock Exchange	113.4	119.4	−0.3	
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 64141				
Managed Fund	399.8	420.9	−2.3	
Equity Fund	526.2	553.9	−1.4	
Fixed Interest Fund	291.1	306.5	−1.8	
Index Linked Fund	201.1	211.7	−0.5	
Property Fund	367.9	387.3	+1.4	
International Fund	344.4	362.6	−5.7	
N American Fund	104.1	109.6	−2.4	
Far East Fund	193.7	203.9	+0.7	
Deposit Fund	197.1	207.5	+0.1	
International Bond	244.12		−0.58	
Worldwide Bond				
Worldwide Fincl	84.0	88.5	−0.3	
Worldwide Tech	78.7	82.9	−0.6	
European	86.2	90.8	−0.2	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account	671.6		−1.5	
Managed Account	488.7		+0.4	
Equity Account	657.5		−2.2	
Mngd Fund Accum	231.2	243.4	+0.2	
Equity Fund Accum	296.1	311.6	−1.1	
Prop Fund Accum	212.7	223.9	+2.8	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	187.2	197.1	−0.1	
Intl Fund Accum	274.2	288.6	+0.7	
Money Fund Accum	146.8	154.6	+0.5	
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	138.2	145.5	+1.8	
Pers Pens Account	975.7		−7.1	
Pens Mngd Account	454.1	478.0	−3.4	
Pens Guarantee	137.0	144.2	+0.2	
Pens Equity	170.3	179.3	−1.9	
Pens Property	172.9	182.0	+8.2	
Pens Fixed Int	150.9	158.5	−0.6	
Pens Intl	124.8	131.4	−2.4	
Pens Money	135.6	142.7	+0.3	
Pens Indx-Lnkd	122.6	129.0	+1.4	
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Accum	493.5	519.5	−1.7	
Property Accum	302.7	318.7	+0.9	
Equity Accum	701.5	738.5	−3.1	
Fixed Int Accum	240.3	253.0	−1.4	
Index-Linked Accum	125.3	131.9	−0.6	
Cash Accum	203.2	213.9	+0.2	
Amer Equity Accum	187.5	197.4	−4.7	
US Bonds Accum	114.1	120.2	−2.5	
Japan Accum	277.4	292.1	+2.4	
Pacific Accum	134.1	141.2	..	
Far Eastern Accum	435.9	458.9	+3.6	
International Accum	309.1	325.4	−1.1	
US Dollar Accum	87.5	92.2	−0.9	
Yen Accum	131.6	138.6	−0.6	
Euro Cur Accum	116.3	122.5	+0.1	
Distribution Fund	217.7	229.2a	+0.1	[illegible]
European	99.5	104.8	+0.2	
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	167.0	175.9	−1.8	
Property Fund	145.3	153.1	−0.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	146.8	154.6	−0.8	
Money Fund	132.3	139.4	+0.1	
Equity Fund	212.7	224.0	−1.4	
TARGET LIFE Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	93.7	98.7	−2.2	
Australian	26.1	27.5	+0.4	
Commodity	87.7	92.4	+0.7	
Deposit	171.5	180.6	..	
Residential Prop	101.3	106.7	..	
Financial	198.4	208.9	−4.0	
Fixed Interest	203.3	214.1	−1.6	
Gold	72.9	76.8	+0.6	
Income	261.6	275.4	−2.6	
International Equity	243.8	256.8	−1.2	
Japan	322.4	339.4	−2.8	
Convertible	103.1	108.6	−0.9	
Managed	390.7	411.3	−3.0	
International Bond	89.2	93.9●	+0.9	
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	
Pacific	167.5	176.4	+0.6	
Preference	190.8	200.9	−0.3	
Property	322.2	339.2	..	
Special Situations	191.4	201.5	−0.9	
Sterling	8.8			
Technology	65.8	69.3	−0.2	
UK Equity	566.5	596.4	−1.5	
World Income	148.7	156.6		
Euro Situations	135.3	142.5	−1.0	
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	381.3			
UK Equity	246.4	259.4	−0.8	
N American Equity	164.2	172.9	−2.7	
Far East Equity	294.6	310.3	−4.1	
Fixed	187.4	197.2	−1.2	
Cash Deposit	138.3	145.6	+0.1	
Property	125.7	132.3	..	
Special Opp	348.7	367.1	+0.7	
Managed	222.2	233.9	−0.6	
Index-Linked Fd	126.9	133.6	+0.7	
Star Mngd 2	213.3	224.5	−1.7	
Star Mngd 3	222.8	234.6	−0.8	
Star Mngd 4	203.7	214.6	−1.6	
Star Mngd 5	203.6	214.4	−1.0	

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Account ends on dull note

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 31. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day November 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Barr (AG)	Foods	
2	Breedon Plc	Building,Roads	
3	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
4	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
5	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
6	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
7	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
8	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
9	Castle Comm	Leisure	
10	Lawtex	Industrials L-R	
11	Watmough	Paper,Print,Adv	
12	Optical & Med	Industrials L-R	
13	Bilton (P)	Property	
14	Buckleys	Breweries	
15	Pearson (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
16	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
17	Quotient	Electricals	
18	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
19	Scot TV	Leisure	
20	Black Arrow	Industrials A-D	
21	Bellway	Building,Roads	
22	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
23	AAF Inv	Industrials A-D	
24	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
25	Runciman (Walter)	Shipping	
26	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
27	Tiphook	Shipping	
28	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
29	Blick	Electricals	
30	Western Selection	Electricals	
31	Erith	Building,Roads	
32	PWS	Insurance	
33	Countryside	Building,Roads	
34	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
36	Rosehaugh	Property	
37	Hammerson	Property	
38	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
39	Vaux Group	Breweries	
40	Corah	Textiles	
41	TVS	Leisure	
42	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	Foods	
43	Electron House	Electricals	
44	Jerome (S)	Textiles	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
389	308	Provident	322	327	●-8	23.2	7.2	9.1
111	38	Rea Bros	68	73	-2	0.3	0.4	..
193	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	166	168	-1	10.7	6.8	8.3
380	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	335	338	-2	17.9	5.3	8.5
10	850	Schroders	870	880	..	22.0	2.5	11.3
538	372	Stand Chart (aa)	480	485	r -6	46.7	10.1	..
118½	96	TSB (aa)	110	111	-4	8.8	8.0	7.4
595	498	Union Disc	502	510	..	38.4	7.6	11.4
355	276	Warburg SG	315	318	..	15.3	4.8	8.5
130	95	Do 6% 'A'	108	111	..	8.0	7.3	..
40½	29	Wells Fargo	37⅝	-	-⅛	..	..	..
458	443	Westpac	440	460	-3	9.3	2.1	18.8

BREWERIES

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	457	459	-4	17.3	3.8	13.7
867	734	Bass (aa)	805	809	-13	28.9	3.3	12.1
88	44	Belhaven	49	51	● ..	1.8	2.0	19.5
175	127	Boddingtons	163	168	..	5.4	3.3	17.1
207	129	Buckleys	150	160	+5	0.9	0.6	..
185	147	Bulmer (H P)	158	163	-1	8.7	5.4	10.8
194	120	Burtonwood Brew	190	198	..	4.3	2.2	23.9
388	332	Clark (Matthew)	380	390	..	14.7	3.8	10.8
371	292	Devenish (JA)	313	317	-1	4.0	1.3	37.7
290	176	Greenall Whitley	255	258	-4	8.3	3.2	14.5
494	433	Greene King	437	444	-1	9.9	2.2	19.6
357	271	Guinness (aa)	334	337	-2	12.9	3.8	11.1
795	600	Hardys & Hansons	795	805	..	30.0	3.8	14.8
139	78	Highland Dist	122	124	-1	3.8	3.1	19.2
415	188	Invergordon Dist	400	405	..	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	402	410	-1	..	..	..
168	119	Marston Thompson	165	170	..	3.9	2.3	18.9
693	464	Morland	630	675	..	10.9	1.7	25.8
388	250	SA Breweries	260	275	..	..	..	..
471	305	Scot & New (aa)	385	388	-4½	12.2	3.2	19.0
721	479	Vaux Group	713	718	+5	21.6b	3.0	21.9
318	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	305	308	-5	14.1	4.6	11.5
700	324	Do 'B'	678	710	..	14.1	2.1	24.6
488	290	Whitbread Inv	418	425	-2	12.3	2.9	44.8
447	351	Wolverhampton & D	442	448	..	8.2	1.8	18.9
530	345	Young 'A'	490	510	..	12.3	2.5	29.2

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

INSURANCE

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MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
27	15	New London Oil	14	18	..	..	..	.
67	31	Oil Search	33	36	-3	..	..	..
69	47	Petrocon	47	54	..	..	..	..
2¼	1¼	Petrex	1¼	1¾	..	..	..	..
65	45	Premier	51	52	-1	..	..	18.1
373	221	Ranger	283	288	-2	..	..	..
67⅞	59¼	Royal Dutch	63¼	-	-⅛	..	..	..
11	943	Shell (aa)	964	968	●-9	64.0	6.6	10.3
340	163	Silkolene	330	335	..	13.3	4.0	10.7
175	91	Sovereign	144	147	-3	..	..	33.7
17	11	TR Energy	12	13½	-½	..	..	..
8	1	Target	4	6	..	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	131	135	-3	..	..	30.8
308	189	Ultramar (aa)	227	228	r -11½	8.9	3.9	22.5
92	44	Woodside	90	94	+1	..	..	-

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
316	235	Antofagasta	283	288	..	16.0	5.6	8.4
54	33	Boustead	43	45	● ..	0.9	2.0	20.1
153	117	Chillington	127	134	..	10.3b	7.9	10.3
133	76	Finlay (James)	119	123	-3	5.5	4.5	..
676	548	Harrisons Crosfld (aa)	655	660	●-16	38.7b	5.9	18.4
238	155	Inchcape (aa)	215	216	-6½	9.8	4.5	12.8
427	183	Lonrho (aa)	385	388	-6	15.8	4.0	18.4
71	45	Ocean Wilson	45	53	●-2	3.3	6.9	8.9
355	305	Paterson Zoch	317	322	● ..	10.4	3.3	10.9
355	305	Do 'A'	317	322	● ..	10.4	3.3	10.9
318	231	Polly Peck (aa)	304	307	r -2	16.3b	5.3	7.6
89	52	Sime Darby	77	82	●-1	..	..	..
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	99	100	-1½	3.3	3.3	9.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
288	202	Abbott Mead	248	253	-5	6.3	2.5	13.9
44	31	Addison Cons	38	40	..	1.9	4.9	9.0
271	236	Assoc Paper	258	263	..	11.0	4.2	11.8
430	275	BPP	335	375	..	9.9	2.8	21.2
181	110	Barker (Charles)	125	130	● ..	4.4	3.4	13.9
228	181	Bemrose	225	228	● ..	14.0b	6.2	13.7
301	225	Boase Massimi	245	248	-2	9.6b	3.9	12.6
244	170	Brunning	165	175	-5	5.0	2.9	12.9
181	121	Bunzl (aa)	126	129	-6	7.1	5.5	11.4
770	546	Carlton Comm	665	675	r -1	8.1	1.2	25.6
343	263	Chapman	320	345	..	13.3	4.0	12.8
238	175	Cropper (James)	215	225	..	2.8	1.3	9.9
512	357	DRG	485	488	●-5	15.1	3.1	18.2
118	65	Delyn Packaging	92	97	●-1	1.6	1.7	18.5
308	259	Ferguson Ind	263	265	● ..	13.8	5.2	11.5
289	199	FKS	284	294	r ..	6.7	2.3	16.3
385	315	Fitch-RS	348	358	..	11.3	3.2	12.6
70	33	Geers Gross	54	59	+1	..	..	..
279	227	Gold Greenlees	263	268	-3	7.2	2.7	12.2
397	307	Hunterprint	302	312	-8	10.7	3.5	14.9
143	131	Johnston Press	138	143	● ..	1.3	0.9	15.3
307	240	KLP	235	245	..	7.1	3.0	12.8
98	67	Kesson	72	74	-½	1.3	1.8	18.2
258	158	Lopex	210	215	-1	7.2	2.4	14.9
414	325	Lowe HS & B	373	377	..	14.1	3.8	12.5
190	140	MIL Research	150	160	● ..	5.3	3.4	11.9
292	174	More O'Ferrall	280	285	..	10.4	3.7	14.0
176	121	Norton Opax	156	159	-6	5.3	3.4	13.1
16½	12⅞	Ogilvy & Mather	15⅛	-	+⅛	..	..	..
190	128	Owen Hldgs	170	180	-5	..	..	..
117	65	Paragon Comms	95	100	-5	2.7	2.8	10.9
237	185	St Ives Gp	203	208	●-2	4.0	1.9	12.5
451	334	Saatchi Grp (aa)	354	357	-4	20.7	5.8	7.8
510	415	Stanhope?	465	475	● ..	10.0	2.1	11.3
385	307	Smith David	318	320	-4	9.3	2.9	10.2
493	305	Smurfit (Jeff)	363	372	-8	..	..	..
190	135	UK Paper	178	180	-4	5.3	3.0	10.3
450	232	Usher Walker	417	437	● ..	12.3	2.9	15.2
286	134	VPI Gp	159	162	-1	2.3	1.4	19.3
271	185	WCRS	208	212	-3	5.3	2.5	11.2
633	403	WPP	583	585	-12	13.7	2.3	21.1
315	172	Wace	300	302	-1	4.3	1.4	27.0
214	177	Waddington (J)	206	209	..	8.8	4.2	14.0
425	304	Watmough	408	418	+3	9.6	2.3	21.7
95	64	Waverley Cam	70	75	+2	0.3	0.4	..
193	138	Yellowhammer	170	175	-2	3.3	1.9	12.8

PROPERTY

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1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
493	389	BAT (aa)	430	435	●-5½	24.0	5.5	9.0
159	125	Carreras?	133	143	..	..	..	..
486	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	482	484	-1	13.3	2.9	10.1

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	114.1	121.1	-0.1	8.26
Hi Inc Equity	122.3	130.0●	..	4.58
Worldwide Bd	187.9	199.2●	-0.1	4.87
American Gth	143.9	153.0	-1.4	1.24
Asian Pacific	65.83	70.41	-0.97	1.53
Assets & Earns	145.8	155.0●	+0.3	1.17
Capital Res	82.04	82.17	..	3.65
Comm Energy	87.20	93.27	+0.18	1.14
Euro Capital	74.48	79.66	+0.19	0.94
General	158.5	168.6	-0.2	2.67
Japan	89.74	95.98	-0.04	0.00
UK Gth Inc	124.0	131.9●	+0.1	1.77
Do Acc	184.9	196.6●	+0.1	1.19
US Emerg Co	41.16	43.78	-0.13	0.00
Income Gth	262.5	279.2●	-0.6	3.40
Master Acc	71.49	76.46	-0.17	2.11
American Inc	42.79	45.52	-0.26	8.02
Ethical Tst	44.14	46.95	-0.06	2.68
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6901 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	38.65	41.33	-0.56	2.19
Australian	23.88	25.41	+0.23	1.37
Euro Tst	48.27	51.16	+0.13	0.00
Extra Inc	38.83	41.22	-0.08	5.33
Fund Invest	100.8	107.1●	..	2.43
Do Acc	152.7	162.3●	-0.1	2.43
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.50	23.93	-0.02	8.98
Global Income	35.04	37.28●	-0.23	5.17
Income Growth	65.78	69.98●	-0.23	4.31
Japan Gen	161.4	171.7	+0.6	0.01
N Amer Inc	24.78	26.30●	-0.21	4.05
Special Sits	63.72	67.79●	-0.13	1.28
UK Growth	31.74	33.69●	-0.11	2.74
World Gth	39.17	41.58●	-0.19	0.55
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Income	294.7	313.8	-0.1	4.96
Equity Inc	170.7	181.7	-0.2	4.64
High Yield	172.3	183.4●	+0.1	5.43
Balanced	415.2	442.1	-0.3	3.22
Amer Inc	27.45	29.23	-0.17	4.48
World Ass Val	28.26	30.09	-0.13	0.86
Japan	143.1	152.3	-0.3	0.01
Sec of Amer	175.5	186.9e	-0.5	0.90
Asset Value	332.7	354.3e	-0.2	3.36
O'seas Earn	214.5	228.4	-0.2	3.06
Recovery	99.54	106.0●	-0.04	2.66
UK Spec Sits	259.8	276.6	..	3.26
Smlr Co	166.4	177.2	-0.1	1.99
Capital	246.6	262.6●	-0.2	2.88
Amer Spec Sit	60.72	64.66●	-0.33	1.82
International	90.84	96.74	-0.48	1.07
Growth & Inc	149.8	159.3●	..	3.70
Euro Gth	18.84	20.06	-0.08	1.25
Pacific	218.7	232.9	-0.8	0.30
2nd Smlr Co	182.8	194.6	-0.1	2.12
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	79.91	85.24	-0.16	3.30
Euro Gth Inc	66.61	71.05	-0.21	1.08
Extra Income	95.34	101.7●	-0.10	4.93
General	168.5	179.7●	-0.2	3.33
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.87	55.54c	..	9.33
Income Tst	409.8	437.1	-0.8	3.96
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
American EVS	56.26	59.70●	-0.71	1.40
Australia	67.40	72.52●	+0.14	0.00
Eastern	76.94	81.92	-0.94	1.10
Equity Inc	68.27	72.44●	+0.16	5.30
Europe	126.9	134.7	-0.4	0.20
Exempt Tst	57.87	59.08	..	3.10
Growth & Inc	75.78	80.39	-0.02	2.70
Do Acc	119.6	127.0	..	2.70
Global Gth	60.58	64.28c	-0.25	0.00
Japan Spec	147.0	156.9	-0.4	0.00
Japan Sun	133.3	142.2	-1.8	0.00
First Europe	118.9	126.2	-0.5	1.20
First Japan	104.9	111.9●	-0.2	0.60
First N Amer	43.20	45.84	-0.50	1.00
First Smlr Co	91.97	97.59●	-0.04	1.40
N Amer Spec	40.14	42.59	-0.50	0.60
UK Growth	57.26	60.92	..	4.84
Select Man Fd	46.86	49.72	-0.10	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				

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CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Portfolio	47.88	51.20	-0.19	3.50
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	461.1		..	4.81
Fixed Int	145.1		..	9.86
Deposit	100.0		..	11.40
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	436.74	●	..	5.20
Acc	£13.9151		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	11.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-696 6622				
Man Recmnt	23.03	24.37●	..	..
SC Special Sits	67.64	71.58	..	0.00
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.43	19.61	-0.60	0.71
Atlas Gth	21.68	23.06	-0.19	0.76
Dragon Gth	23.60	25.11	-0.38	1.79
Equity Hi Inc	37.38	60.56	-0.47	5.29
Do Acc	58.82	62.08	-0.42	5.29
European Gth	26.71	28.41●	-0.13	1.40
Gen Equity	48.14	50.81	-0.39	3.24
G/F Intrst Gth	33.52	35.19	-0.04	7.23
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.58	25.81●	-0.03	8.88
Intl Income Tst	21.78	23.17●	-0.29	5.90
Japan Gth	46.77	49.78	+0.22	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.95	30.90	-0.26	2.64
Special Sits	36.0	38.3	-0.1	2.11
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.73	57.18	-0.02	2.34
Do Acc	55.98	59.55	-0.02	2.34
Income Inc	54.98	58.49	-0.03	3.34
Do Acc	58.07	61.78	-0.01	3.34
Worldwide Inc	43.02	46.01	-0.16	0.34
Do Acc	43.63	46.66	-0.17	0.34
Gamma Inc	36.20	38.51	-0.01	0.67
Do Acc	36.38	38.68	-0.02	0.67
Amer Gth	48.77	51.86	-0.19	0.56
Euro Gth	58.09	61.80●	-0.42	0.58
Far East	63.12	67.15	-0.22	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.00	49.53	+0.07	8.07
World Bond	47.92	50.71	-0.13	5.30
Private Inv Pf	47.50	50.43●	-0.02	2.90
Profess Inv Pf	49.79	52.88●	-0.04	0.97
Progres Inv Pf	49.79	52.88●	-0.04	0.97
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	102.5	109.0	..	0.76
Canadian Gth	19.17	20.45●	..	1.08
European Tst	100.8	107.2	..	0.94
Growth Tst	262.3	279.1	..	2.74
High Income	321.9	342.5●	..	5.02
Intl Tech Tst	103.9	110.6	..	0.72
Investment	26.86	28.88	..	0.89
Japanese Tst	233.2	248.1	..	0.00
Man Int	28.37	30.18	..	2.49
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424				
European Gth	56.01	59.53●	-0.38	2.34
Euro Spec Sits	42.44	45.26	+0.04	1.41
International	46.51	49.19	-0.29	6.50
N Amer Gth	40.72	43.20	-0.80	1.95
Pacific Gth	54.17	57.97●	+0.18	2.82
UK Gth Acc	68.86	73.65	-0.05	3.45
Do Dist	65.35	70.07	-0.05	3.45
UK Income	57.18	61.25	-0.21	5.11
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
American Fd	55.48	58.93●	-0.56	1.70
Capital Fd	131.8	140.0	+0.4	1.43
Convertible	24.30	25.82	..	7.46
Eurofund	24.74	26.24	-0.15	1.14

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	63.43	67.84●	-0.48	0.62
UK Inc Fd	91.78	98.16	+0.30	4.43
Far East Fd	86.00	91.98	-0.34	0.00
Overseas Inc	60.10	64.27	-0.39	4.43
Fxd Interest	53.92	57.14	+0.01	9.78
Natural Res Fd	55.87	59.75	+0.17	2.01
European Inc	66.06	70.64	+0.02	2.05
Financials Fd	46.02	49.27	-0.44	2.41
Intl Tech Fd	94.1	100.7	-0.7	0.78
UK Gth	66.84	71.48	+0.05	2.24
US Major	43.77	46.58●	-0.47	0.80
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balanc Gth Acc	67.58	71.90●	-0.04	1.25
Do Inc	65.42	69.60●	-0.04	1.25
Hi Yield Acc	29.85	31.76●	-0.01	5.70
Do Inc	27.41	29.16●	-0.01	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	56.68	60.28	-0.05	3.50
Do Inc	48.55	51.65	-0.05	3.50
Serv Co Acc	69.09	73.50●	-0.01	1.00
Do Inc	67.14	71.43●	-0.01	1.00
Amer Gth Acc	23.18	24.68	-0.15	0.50
Do Inc	22.93	24.39	-0.15	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.28	18.38	-0.01	0.20
Do Inc	17.08	18.18	-0.01	0.20
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	100.3	106.3●	-1.3	0.84
Amer Eqty Inc	26.24	27.86●	-0.24	5.67
Amer Spec Sit	49.83	52.76	-0.68	0.66
Australia	26.89	28.58●	+0.14	1.69
European	83.47	87.53	-0.54	..
European Inc	21.61	23.03	-0.08	4.07
Global Conv	21.40	22.88	-0.07	5.61
Far East Inc	39.44	41.78c	+0.10	3.44
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.20	29.41●	..	9.95
Growth & Inc	118.7	127.1	+0.1	4.48
Japan Spec Sit	70.24	74.66	-0.18	..
Japan	156.8	166.8	-1.2	..
Managed Intl	123.2	131.1	-1.1	0.35
Inc Plus	108.8	114.7	-0.4	5.18
Famous Name	41.90	44.89	+0.14	1.63
SE Asia	41.07	43.66	-0.16	0.76
Spec Sit	274.5	294.4	-1.9	0.60
Eastern Opps	22.45	23.88	-0.04	0.00
Intl Bond	24.52	25.90●	-0.03	7.22
Recovery	28.92	31.02	+0.22	2.26
Moneybuilder	26.05	27.72	-0.08	2.34
Euro Ops 1992	..		..	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer Smlr Cos	165.6	175.2	-1.5	..
Do Acc	169.2	179.0	-1.5	..
Amer Turn Inc	195.3	209.8	-2.9	..
Do Acc	202.8	214.3	-3.0	..
Capital Inc	330.8	350.0●	+0.3	2.17
Do Acc	331.5	350.7●	..	2.17
Conv/Gilt Inc	105.7	111.8	-0.3	8.20
Do Acc	151.4	160.2	-0.3	8.20
European Inc	62.32	65.94	-0.33	0.78
Do Acc	62.85	66.50	-0.33	0.78
Extra Inc Inc	242.3	256.3	+0.5	4.97
Do Acc	278.4	294.5	+0.6	4.97
Financial Acc	45.07	47.69●	-0.15	0.97
Do Inc	44.66	47.25●	-0.15	0.97
Income Tst	166.7	176.4c	+0.3	4.28
Do Acc	186.5	197.3c	+0.3	4.28
Intl Growth Fd	133.6	141.3●	-1.1	..
Do Acc	148.4	157.0●	-1.2	..
Japan/Gen Inc	118.8	125.7	-0.3	..
Do Acc	120.0	126.9	-0.4	..
Monthly Inc Fd	127.5	134.9●	+0.6	4.66
PEP 87		60.73c	-0.14	3.49
PEP 88	54.93	58.12	+0.14	2.79
Recovery	182.7	193.3	-0.9	1.79
Do Acc	201.8	213.5	-1.1	1.79
Smaller Inc	59.31	62.76	-0.02	2.86
Do Acc	60.33	63.84	-0.02	2.86
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	235.3	249.4●	-0.34	2.92
Do Acc	415.4	440.3●	-0.58	2.92
Euro Gth Dist	59.97	63.63	-0.18	0.53
Do Acc	60.33	64.01	-0.18	0.53
Fxd Interest Di	112.9	118.5●	-0.06	7.59
Do Acc	152.6	160.6●	-0.02	7.59
Int Gth Dist	54.49	57.81	-0.20	0.04

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Smlr Euro Co	159.8	170.6	-0.20	0.77
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2531				
Capital Gth Inc	71.30	75.45	+0.08	3.22
Do Acc	83.99	88.89	+0.10	0.00
Pacific Basin	148.0	158.6	+0.08	2.80
Do 6% Wdrwl	69.52	73.58	+0.03	0.00
Finance/Prop	81.86	86.62	+0.28	2.86
Fixed & Conv	48.11	48.79●	-0.14	7.45
Do Acc	88.88	94.06●	..	0.00
Equity Income	101.9	109.6	..	4.74
Do Acc	252.9	272.0	..	0.00
High Yield Inc	109.5	112.2	..	5.43
Do Acc	320.8	328.9	..	0.00

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WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fd	173.4	183.8●	-0.3	1.50
Income Fd	114.0	121.2●	-0.4	5.43
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Hosey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Shrt Dtd Gilt Fd	79.36	80.44	+0.01	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	$54.11	54.15●	+0.03	0.00
Challenger	53.95	54.73●	-0.02	1.80
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	64.26	68.38●	-0.29	6.28
Income	78.54	83.56	-0.31	3.57
Gth	88.40	94.05	-0.29	1.82
Prop Share	50.71	54.05	+0.14	1.46
Smaller Cos	62.40	66.38●	-0.06	1.76
European	53.32	56.73	+0.06	1.13
Far Eastern	49.70	52.87	-0.75	1.06

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
38	16	Aberdeen Pet	15	18	..	..	..	..
44	13	Amercoeur	11	14	..	..	..	..
85	56	Andaman Res	64½	67½	+1	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	93	98	..	2.3	2.4	38.2
230	152	Broadcast	187	195	-3	..	..	20.6
145	105	Chelsea Art	100	110	..	1.0	1.0	12.5
63	28	Chemex Intl	57	62	+2	..	..	..
105	55	Comac	64	74	..	..	..	7.8
160	120	Crown Eye	142	152	..	..	..	18.9
16	6½	Eglinton	6	7½	..	..	..	..
143	64	Far E Res	60	67	-5	..	..	..
90	76	Hiclare	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Honorbilt	24	28	-2	..	..	24.8
31	13	Intl Comms	14	17	..	..	..	..
56	41	Kemp (PE)	38	43	..	2.0	4.9	7.7
99	58	LBW	95	100	..	..	..	20.9
103	60	Leading Lsr	93	98	-1	1.7	1.8	19.4
65	12	Lynx Tech	12	16	..	..	..	4.6
147	89	Madrack	97	101	..	..	..	..
38	9	Norton Ca	10	11½	r +½	..	..	..
58	40	[illegible]	36	41	..	..	..	10.8
63	60	Rentamaster	60	62	-1	..	..	..
277	150	Royal Sovereign	215	225	..	6.4	2.9	13.6
118	68	Soscon	95	100	..	1.3	1.3	..
313	200	Talcare	305	320	+6	1.3	0.4	43.5
135	108	UPL	108	118	..	3.6	3.4	15.1
182	130	Uni Group	140	150	r ..	6.7	4.6	6.2

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 77.0 (day's range 76.9-77.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 11

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8070-1.8160	1.8140-1.8160	0.49-0.48pr	1.38-1.36pr
Montrl	2.2040-2.2192	2.2140-2.2192	0.32-0.16pr	0.51-0.34pr
Amstrdm	3.5489-3.5601	3.550-3.5575	2-1⅞pr	6-5⅞pr
Brussels	65.88-66.36	65.86-66.14	32-20pr	86-71pr
Copnhgn	12.1565-12.1932	12.1565-12.1745	4⅛-3⅞pr	12-11pr
Dublin	11.1772-1.1820	1.1786-1.1796	40-34pr	111-102pr
Frankft	3.1446-3.1545	3.1446-3.1508	1⅞-1⅜pr	5⅝-5⅜pr
Lisbon	261.67-263.83	261.67-262.87	7-50ds	47-146ds
Madrid	207.43-208.73	207.43-208.39	15pr-par	par-17ds
Milan	2348.00-2359.50	2352.30-2358.70	1pr-1ds	2pr-par
Oslo	11.8425-11.9275	11.9089-11.9275	⅞-⅛ds	1⅝-2⅝ds
Paris	10.7498-10.7829	10.7498-10.7707	3⅝-3⅛pr	10⅛-9⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.9771-11.0062	10.9801-10.9959	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅝-2⅝pr
Tokyo	222.34-223.34	222.40-222.82	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅛-4⅝pr
Vienna	22.12-22.24	22.14-22.19	11⅞-10⅝pr	35⅞-32⅝pr
Zurich	2.6385-2.6507	2.6385-2.6441	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅛-5pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	27.456-27.617
Australia dollar	2.1208-2.1244
Bahrain dinar	0.6790-0.6830
Brazil cruzado *	927.00-932.20
Cyprus pound	0.8320-0.8420
Finland marka	7.4575-7.4975
Greece drachma	259.25-261.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.144-14.155
India rupee	26.87-27.07
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5035-0.5075
Malaysia ringgit	4.8535-4.8681
Mexico peso	4050-4150
New Zealand dollar	2.8131-2.8192
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7625-6.8025
Singapore dollar	3.5491-3.5529
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5815-6.7075
S Africa rand (com)	4.3353-4.3433
U A E dirham	6.6175-6.6575

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5340-1.5355	Denmark	6.7080-6.7130	Italy	1294.0-1295.0
Singapore	1.9590-1.9600	W Germany	1.7365-1.7375	Belgium (Com)	36.43-36.44
Malaysia	2.6790-2.6800	Switzerland	1.4593-1.4603	Hong Kong	7.8075-7.8085
Australia	1.1705-1.1719	Netherlands	1.9580-1.9595	Portugal	144.70-145.20
Canada	1.2215-1.2230	France	5.9300-5.9350	Spain	115.15-115.25
Sweden	6.0510-6.0560	Japan	122.70-122.85	Austria	12.22-12.23
Norway	6.5510-6.5610				

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11½ Low 11 Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 11²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 11²¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth — 11¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth — 11¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-²¹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝ 3 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-⅝ 6 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆-⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆
2 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 12¹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12 close 11½
1 week: 11⅞-11½ 1 mth: 11⅞-11½ 3 mth: 12⅛-12¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 12⅛-12¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-12 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-12
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11¹³⁄₁₆
3 mth: 12⅛ 6 mth: 12⅛ 12 mth: 12
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅛-12 2 mth: 12⅛-12 3 mth: 12⅛-12
6 mth: 12⅛-12 9 mth: 12⅛-11⅞ 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11⅞-11¾
3 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞ 6 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞ 12 mth 11¹³⁄₁₆-¾
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.50-8.45
3 mth: 8.85-8.80 6 mth: 8.90-8.85 12 mth 9.00-8.95

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Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5-4⅞
Call: 4⅛-3⅞				
French Franc:	8-7⅞	8-7⅞	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	4-3⅞	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 4-3				
Yen:	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 14688		
Dec 88	184.50	184.60	181.20	181.50	2910
Mar 89	NT	—	—	183.40	0
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 47914		
Dec 88	87.83	87.83	87.81	87.81	2793
Mar 89	88.21	88.21	88.13	88.14	4989
Jun 89	88.67	88.69	88.65	88.65	415
Sep 89	89.02	89.03	88.95	88.97	101
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 34055		
Dec 88	91.00	91.00	90.95	90.97	3413
Mar 89	91.09	91.10	91.05	91.06	5512
Jun 89	91.07	91.07	91.04	91.06	1084
Sep 89	90.99	90.99	90.96	90.96	402

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 14452		
Dec 88	88-27	88-27	88-16	88-22	10385
Mar 89	88-07	88-07	88-07	88-09	7
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 33853		
Dec 88	96-15	96-15	96-06	96-06	12858
Mar 89	96-26	96-27	96-22	96-20	1577
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 910		
Dec 88	108.30	108.60	108.26	108.55	259
Mar 89	107.65	108.20	107.65	108.02	381
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 16513		
Dec 88	97.55	97.60	97.25	97.29	4918
Mar 89	96.80	96.80	96.62	96.67	90

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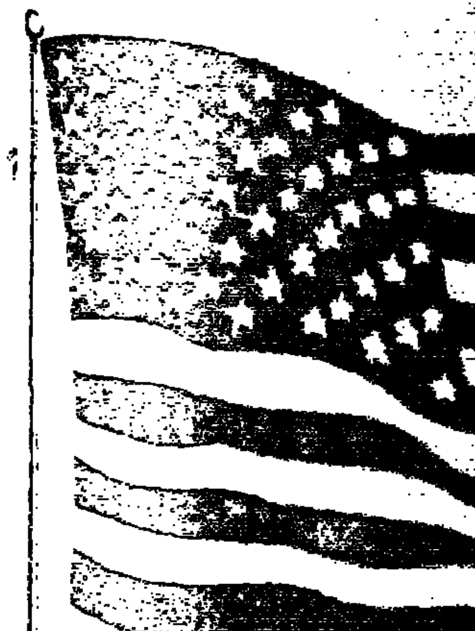

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FAMILY MONEY

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Round one to the Abbey

Stephen Edell: Power to intervene.

It looks like round one to the Abbey National in its scrap with the protest group fighting the Building Society's move to convert to a quoted company. The Building Societies Ombudsman, Stephen Edell is set to throw out the appeal by Abbey Members Against Flotation for him to intervene in the dispute over the call for an extraordinary general meeting.

The rebel group wanted the meeting to force a vote on whether they should be given an official voice in the debate leading up to a vote of all Abbey members on whether to support the society's move to abandon its mutual status and convert to a public limited company quoted on the Stock Exchange and operating under the banking laws.

At the end of September a delegation from Amaf presented the Abbey with a petition of 110 signatures from Abbey members *plus* more than £5,000, calling for the special general meeting.

But the Abbey turned down the request after consulting its own, and outside lawyers. The society believes that the petition for a special general meeting came outside the Abbey's rules. Once Amaf appealed to the Ombudsman to rule that the Abbey was obliged to go ahead and call the meeting, the Abbey's lawyers looked at whether Mr Edell had the power to intervene. They believe that this dispute falls outside his juristiction.

His brief is to arbitrate on disputes between individual building society members and the conduct of their savings or mortgage business. This sort of dispute was not envisaged *when the rules governing the* Ombudsman's scope of action were drawn up.

Mr Sandison, in whose name the appeal to the Ombudsman is being made, has written to Mr Edell pointing out that the effective deadline for overturning the Abbey's refusal to call a special meeting is the end of this month.

The Abbey's rules say that a meeting has to be called within three months of the petition — which means by the end of December.

But members must be given 21 days notice of the meeting, so the notices calling any meeting must go out by the first week in December. Any fresh call for a special meeting would be too late for Amaf's purposes because it would not result in a special meeting to discuss the issues. Under the society's rules it could be held at the same time as the society's normal annual general meeting in April.

The Abbey will be holding a series of roadshows starting in January, to explain the move to abandon its mutual status and, in effect, become a bank.

The Abbey argues it needs to be free of the restraints of the Building societies Act to develop and survive in a competitive world where building societies are competing against banks that do not have the same restraints on things such as the proportion of business tied up with domestic mortgages.

Vivien Goldsmith

Barlow Clowes: options for the Ombudsman

Hundreds of Barlow Clowes investors are scheduled to meet in London today to continue their campaign for the Government to compensate them for losses of up to £100 million which they face because of the collapse of the investment group.

Meanwhile, their campaign received a boost this week as the Parliamentary Ombudsman, Sir Anthony Richard Barrowclough, decided that he will investigate the Government's role in the Barlow Clowes affair.

The beleaguered investors in both the UK and Gibraltar ends of the crashed fund management group are facing losses of up to £100 million. The Ombudsman can recommend that the Government compensate these investors.

It is not just civil servants who should find their behaviour under scrutiny The Ombudsman is empowered to investigate and criticize decisions taken by ministers *personally, according to a* leading legal textbook (*Wade on Administrative law*).

It may have seemed like a forgone conclusion that the Ombudsman would investigate Barlow Clowes. Nothing could be further from the truth Statistics show that the real hurdle with the Ombudsman is getting him to agree that a case falls within his remit Of the 719 cases referred to him in 1986, 549 were rejected as outside his jurisdiction.

The really good news for Barlow Clowes investors is that once the Ombudsman takes a case, the statistics show, he nearly always finds the Government has been guilty of "maladministration" In the 1986 figures, for instance, he found maladministration in 166 of the 168 cases referred to him. This does not mean that he upheld the actual complaint in all 166 cases but that he found something in the Government's behaviour to criticize although he did not necessarily uphold the specific complaint.

There should be plenty in the government's handling of Barlow Clowes for the finding of maladministration would include the failure of the DTI to advise Barlow Clowes in 1975 that it needed a licence and the decision to renew Barlow Clowes's licence in late 1987 on the basis of unsigned and unaudited monitoring returns.

The Ombudsman's investigation is likely to take months, rather than weeks or years He is aware of the dire circumstances of many Barlow Clowes investors who have been deprived of much needed income from their life savings.

Meanwhile, steps were taken in the High Court yesterday to pave the way for a substantial distribution to be made to investors in the UK end of Barlow Clowes

The court approved the ten different categories of investor in BCGM which have been identified by the liquidators.

The legal representatives of all the categories must now reach agreement on what share of the £51 million or so in the kitty the investors in each category should receive.

Suing third parties can be a long process

The liquidators also want to reserve £5 million to cover the costs of the complicated liquidation and suing any third parties.

The liquidators stress however that suing third parties — such as the auditors of BCGM — would be a very complicated and lengthy process Moreover, an element of the £5 million reserve is intended to cover the liquidators if they decide to bring a case but then lose and have to pay the other side's costs.

BCGM investors should not be alarmed by this The liquidators would not bring a claim against third parties unless they thought they have a sound case.

The meeting is at Westminster Theatre, 2 30 pm

Lawrence Lever

Clients win right to silence

Celia Haynes: A Gestapo interrogation

Stockbroking clients have been given the right to silence and privacy by the Securities and Investments Board.

While firms have a duty to discover enough about a client so they can recommend a suitable policy — selling a 10-years-savings scheme to an 80-year-old, for instance, might be considered unprofessional — they can still go ahead and act for clients who refuse to disclose any details about themselves at all.

Many firms have been sending out lengtby and detailed questionnaires. But, SIB points out in the new guidance, this is not neccessary. Information about a client can just as well be obtained in the course of a telephone conversation.

This will please clients such as Celia Haynes, who spoke out in *The Times* about the form sent to her by Birmingham broker Albert E. Sharp.

"It smacked," she said, "of a Gestapo interrogation."

But a firm that has taken reasonable steps to obtain information "has complied with the rule even if the customer refuses to answer any of the questions".

Firms ought to log any refusal to disclose information in their own records.

"A salesman who claims that none of his customers are prepared to answer any questions but all want to speculate in futures would run a grave risk of disciplinary action."

SIB is also coming to the rescue to clients infurriated by lengthy client agreement letters. It has proposed a model letter for all but discretionary clients and those dealing in options, futures and securities which are not easily traded. It runs to just three and a half pages. Though some firms have managed to set out the terms of their business in a shorter space — Barclayshare for instance manages it in two pages — it is a significant improvement on some monster agreements.

The stockbroking firm, Capel Cure Myers, has a 16-page document for dealing-only clients.

Though some brokers have a difficulties in getting clients to sign these letters, CCM had a draw for travel vouchers and got back 90 per cent of the forms sent out.

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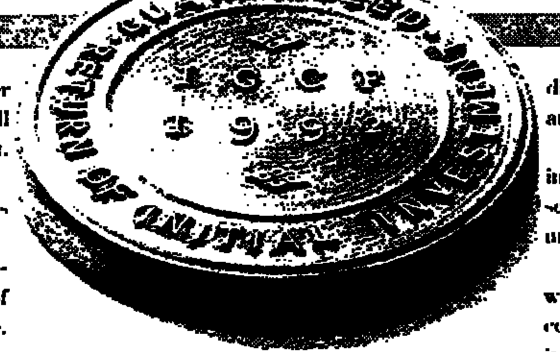

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Banks attack Baker

The Government plans to introduce subsidised student loans this week at first glance, seems a sensible way of increasing undergraduates' income, while at the same time "taking students out of the dependency culture", as Kenneth Baker put it.

Though Mr Baker can claim credit for his ability to persuade the Treasury to guarantee the loans, he has been attacked by the banks, which will be asked to administer them.

"What can there possibly be in it for any of us," one senior source said when the White Paper, *Top-Up Loans*, for students was published. "The Treasury may put up the money for the loans but administering them will cost money and will sour our good relations — with students which we are all at pains to maintain."

A banking executive in charge of monitoring government legislation said that to his knowledge the only contact between ministers and the banking fraternity "has been in the corridors of the Garrick".

How the loans will affect students will be a matter for hot debate in the Houses of Parliament.

STUDENT INCOME AFTER HOUSING COSTS

	Present system	Proposed system			
Income	Rent: £20	Rent: £20	Rent: £25	Rent: £30	Rent: £35
Grant†	1,716.00	1,716.00	1,716.00	1,716.00	1,716.00
Loan	-	310.00	310.00	310.00	310.00
Housing benefit	102.22	-	-	-	-
Total income	1,818.22	2,206.00	2,026.00	2,026.00	2,026.00
Income after housing cost	1,058.22	1,266.00	1,076.00	886.00	696.00
Weekly disposable income	27.85	33.15	28.31	23.31	18.31
Gain/loss per week	-	+5.30	+0.46	-4.54	-9.54
Gain/loss over 38 weeks	-	+207.78	+17.78	-172.22	-362.22

Figures based on academic year of 38 weeks
† Grant is that for outside London (£2050), with elements for travel (£114) and books (£228) removed

Source: National Union of Students

The government offers:

- Loans of up to £1,200 outside London and £1,300 inside the capital spread over three years.
- "Zero interest payments" on the loans while the students are at college, though they will be charged interest at the rate of inflation over the period of the loan when they come to pay back.
- A threshold of about 85 per cent of the average national wage below which repayments will cease.
- Three funds of £5 million each for "hardship cases"

The Government takes away:

- Housing Benefit (rent rebate).
- The right to claim income support, or unemployment benefit.

Neither the National Union of Students nor the Government disagree in principle that students ought to work during the summer vacations. Where they do part company is over the removal of housing benefit, which the NUS says is claimed by most students at a average of about £300 a year.

The Government argues that this figure is much lower and the President of the Conservative Collegiate Forum, the Tory answer to the NUS, Philip Malcolm, maintains that the figure is nearer to £100.

He does admit that there "will be gainers and loosers" — but it has been recognized by the Government that this recognition was behind the "hardship funds", which the White Paper calls "Access Funds".

Assuming that all students receive the maximum mandatory grant of £2,050 a year outside London and £2,425 inside, or parental contributions of exactly the same amount, and that students claim as much housing benefit as they can over a 38-week academic year, the effects on their disposable income are as above.

The average weekly rent is £35 inside and £21 outside London, although rent approaches London prices in university towns such as Oxford, Cambridge, Brighton and Reading.

Sam Kiley

Some home truths

Women who buy property in just their own names are much less likely to default on their mortgage than men.

The women, according to a survey by the Bradford & Bingley building society, tend to borrow less and buy smaller properties.

Women in the survey borrowed on average £20,400 to buy a property for £32,000, while men borrowed £27,000 to buy a property for £40,000.

"We have discovered that the person most likely to meet their mortgage repayments is a woman in a professional job, with a mortgage in her own name, buying a semi-detached bungalow in the South-East," says Anne Kirkwood, assistant marketing manager.

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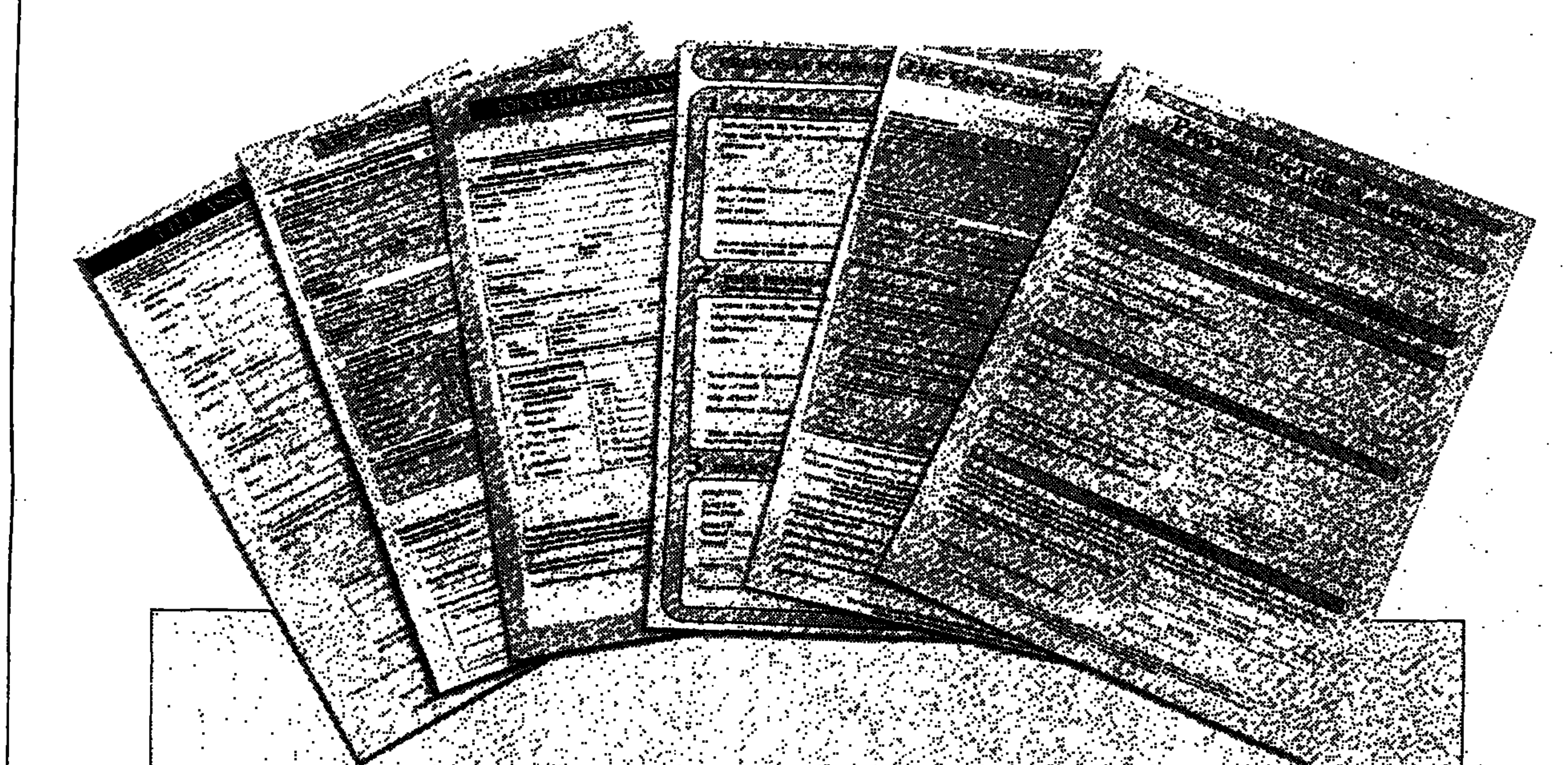
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BRIEFING

Winning fund manager David Jackson in the cancer ward

£140,000 for children

■ An investment team from Save & Prosper came first in the ICL/ Bart's Investment Challenge. The S & P group turned its original £25,000 into £164,835, making a profit of just under £140,000 in a year. The 11 teams together raised £375,000, which goes towards the building of a children's cancer unit for St Bartholemew's Hospital.

Each team started a year ago with £25,000, which they retain at the end of the race. S & P says that the team adopted a "highly aggressive" approach to managing its money. There were 97 deals during the year, of which 25 lost money. "It is not the sort of approach we could adopt for our unit trusts," says a S & P spokesman.

■ If you invest enough in Royal Life's new European unit trust, you can get a "free" flight to somewhere in Europe. Royal Life, which so famously timed its razzamatazz debut into unit trusts just before last year's crash, is offering free air travel as an alternative to the usual discounts via the Air Miles shemes. Invest £5,000 during the November 9-30 launch period, and you can take a 1.5 per cent discount worth £75, or 938 air miles — enough to get two return flights to Paris.

■ The Halifax Building Society is to open about 100 branches on Saturday afternoons. But customers will not be able to withdraw or deposit cash. The building society will only be open for negotiating mortgages, personal loans or insurance, and for conselling with any problems. The move to go one better than the banks which have followed the building societies and reintroduced Saturday morning opening in selected branches, comes after a pilot scheme in the North-West.

Branches open on Saturday afternoon will open as normal at 9 and close at noon, to reopen at 1 pm for 2½ hours.

Cyril's new role

■ **Sir Cyril Smith, the Liberal MP of generous girth, is to star in a new £5 million advertising campaign being launched by Access, the credit card company. The campaign is part of a new publicity drive in which the Access card face has been redesigned.**

Sir Cyril, clad in track suit and trainers, will be seen on TV in a gymnasium undertaking athletic manoeuvres such as touching his toes.

The card company, whose members include Lloyds Bank, Midland and National Westminster, is the largest credit card issuer in Britain with more than 10 million cards on issue. *New cards will now be issued with a revamped design to include a map of the world represented on two globes.*

■ Denplan, the private dental scheme now has accreditation from the British Dental Association. This seal of approval is the first given by the Association to a private care scheme and will allow Denplan to use the Association's logo on all its documents.

Denplan which charges a monthly fee, has now extended its emergency cover, previously available only in Britain, to apply world wide, and has increased the amounts payable by about 30 per cent. There are three new benefits — up to £2000 for treatment to dental damage from external injury, £25 per day for time spent in hospital for dental and jaw injuries, and registration with the International SLS rescue agency, for 24 hour dental emergencies

Fees, average £6 a month, but will rise on January 1. Stephen Noar, the managing director points out that it will work out at less than the 13 per cent annual increase in national health service charges.

Denplan has 35,000 patients and membership is growing by about a 1000 a week. For every new patient, the company is now giving 10p to the Great Ormond Street childrens hospital appeal.

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 21).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+2	+5	+3	+4		
2	+3	+1	+6	+1	+2		
3	+2	+1	+5	+2	+4		
4	+5	+1	+2	+2	+3		
5	+3	+4	+3	+7	+6		
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FAMILY MONEY

Don't expect a Bush boom

What effect will the new president have on unit trusts? Maria Scott asks the brokers

George Bush may bring a new broom to the White House but he will not sweep away doubts about investing in the US. This was the view of unit trust managers and advisers after the result of the Presidential election became known.

The American market has been the scene of disappointment for UK unit trust investors for some time. The average gain in the five years to the start of this month was only 14.9 per cent, against 116.4 per cent for all unit trusts measured by Opal Statistics. US trusts have also spectacularly underperformed the key market indices. The Standard & Poors 500 index has risen by 75.5 per cent in the last five years against the average US unit trust increase of barely 15 per cent.

Kean Seager of Whitechurch Securities said there have been three problems with US-invested unit trusts. "The market has not been exciting and the weakening dollar has undermined the performance of UK trusts investing in the States," he explained. "But even in periods when the market has been doing well and the currency has been stable, UK fund managers seem to have got it wrong."

According to Mr Seager and others, the arrival of Mr Bush will do little to alter the picture in the foreseeable future.

George Bush: "a negative effect unless he acts in a robust way"

A spokesman for Kleinwort Barrington said: "The election was a bit of a non-event from the investment point of view. The markets have been predicting a Bush win and that is contained in the current prices. I think there is a problem over the US economy. There will be a negative effect on the US market unless Mr Bush acts in a robust way. I cannot see that US funds are going to perform brilliantly in the next six months."

Richard Angus, investment manager at M & G, reflected a common view when he said that though he is not advocating that investors sell their US trusts, they cannot expect spectacular activity. "There is no doubt," he said, "that this is a very tricky market. Brokers seem to want it to go lower or for the dollar to go lower." The US economy would "muddle along".

Mr Seager agreed that US unit trusts should be held but not bought. "If someone came to us with 25 per cent of a portfolio in the US," he said, "we would want to whittle that down."

Brian Tora, head of James Capel's portfolio management service, said that he feels slightly more positive about the US now that the election is finally out of the way, but "I would tend to remain underweight in that market".

James Capel recently recognized the difficulties of succeeding in the US market by launching a unit trust which tracks the Standard & Poors Index. This week it was joined by Morgan Grenfell, which is adding a US index-tracking fund to the UK Tracker fund it launched last month.

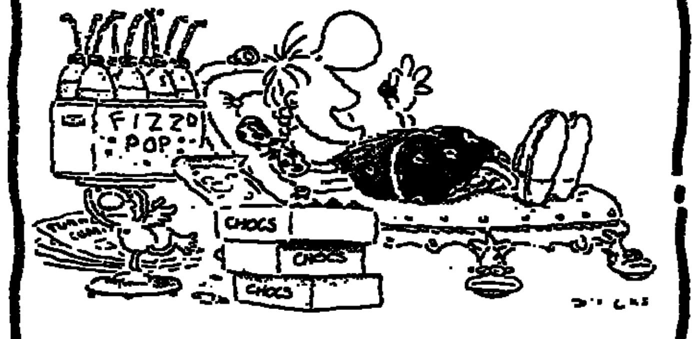
Morgan's US Equity Index Tracker Trust will mirror the performance of the 500 stocks in the Standard & Poors Index. It will not invest in all stocks included in the index but in 350 which managers believe form a representative sample.

Tony Fraber, managing director of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers, said the arguments for a US index-tracking fund are even more compelling than for UK funds. "No US growth unit trust has consistently out-performed the S & P index over each of the last 10 years," he added.

He is mildly pessimistic about market prospects in the US in the short term but believes that because Mr Bush will have to face up to fundamental problems in the economy, the longer-term outlook is better. Investors must be prepared to hang on for years rather than months.

The US Equity Index Tracker Trust is being launched at 100p a unit, fixed until November 28, with a minimum subscription of £1,000. Charges are five per cent initially and 0.5 per cent annually.

Though index-tracking funds are the vogue among unit trust groups, they have been marketed in a quieter way by some groups offering offshore funds. Ivory & Sime, for example, already offers investors in its Atlas offshore fund the chance to track the indexes in the main world markets, including the Standard & Poors Index in the US.



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The US equation that went wrong

Chris Paul, intermediary investment adviser for the M & G Group, admits that he got it wrong when he backed an American unit trust for our unit trust competition. "I was looking for a revival in the US dollar and confidence during the run-up to the election," he said. "Neither has happened."

His first choice was Mercury American Income (accumulation) and his second, M & G American Recovery. "I wanted an income trust because it would have defensive qualities."

He doubts whether US-invested trusts can redeem themselves in the last leg of the year.

Bank of Ireland's World Opportunities had turned this into £535.50 after taking the initial charge into account. This speculative trust, investing in a variety of world markets, was launched in February, moving from the issue price of 50p. It benefited from sharp increases in the prices of a number of shares, including Lonrho and Metal Box.

Second place was held by Merlin International. Its recent successes include Metal Box and Birmid Qualcast.

The average value over the 1,125 funds monitored for the competition was £446.50.

Maria Scott

CONTEST UPDATE

Top and bottom 10 trusts using a savings scheme

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Merlin International	525.0
MIM Britannia French Growth	514.5
Sentinel Far East Emerg Econom	513.0
Barclays Unicorn Australia	508.5
Grofund Australia	507.0
NM Australian	507.0
Fidelity European	506.5
Dumenil TM Dutch Growth	506.5
SIM Australian	505.5
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Hill Samuel Japanese Technology	378.0
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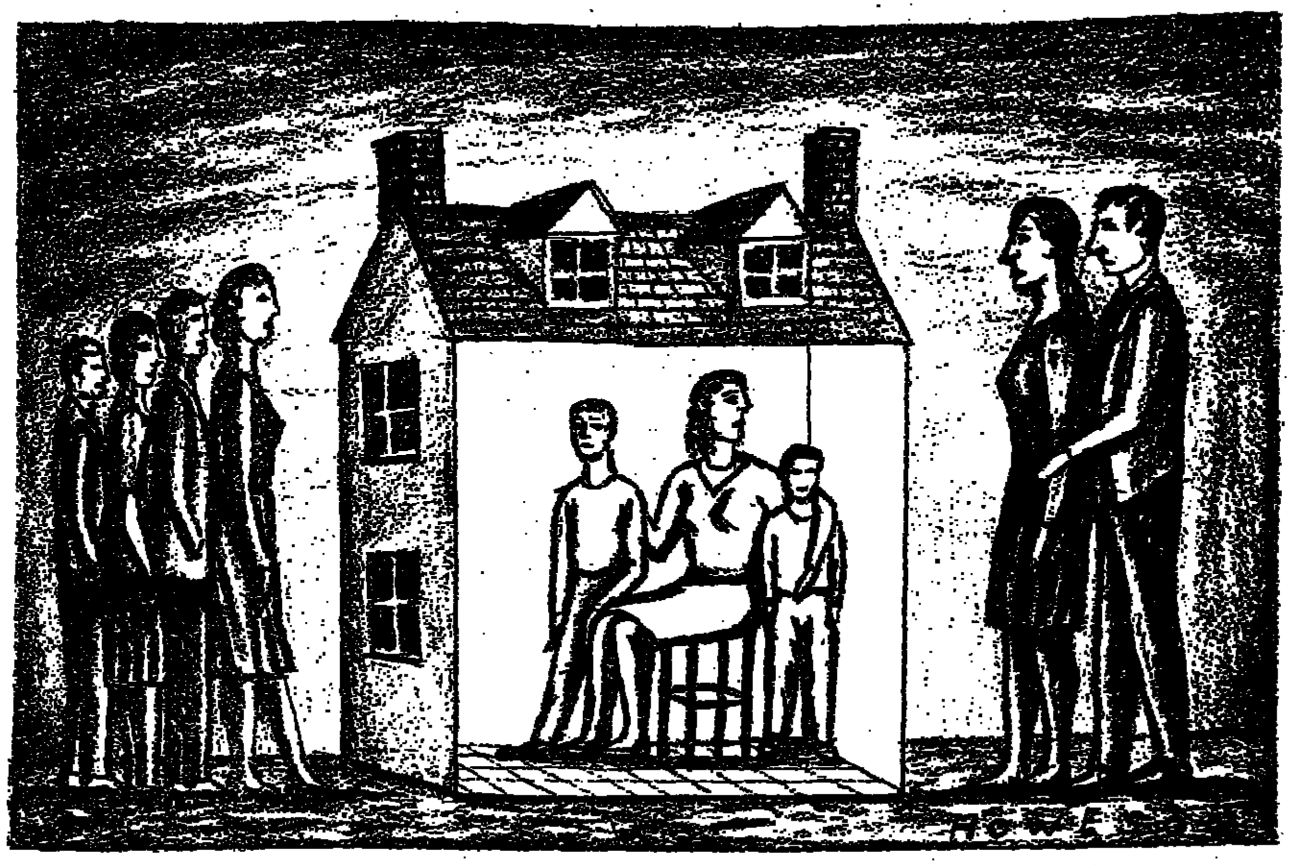
FAMILY MONEY

How the mistress misses out

Hugh Thompson looks at the myth of the common law wife and her rights, which can raise questions, particularly when she breaks with her lover



When Michael left Mary and their two small boys last year, after 14 years of living together, she was not too woried.

"I had known for some time that he was carrying on with someone else. Before I confronted him I made sure that he had completely redecorated the house. In many ways I thought I was in a good position — I like to think of myself as quite well organized.

> ❛Common law wife sounds very nice but means very little❜

After all, I had paid for half the house we shared and since Michael was well off, I had every expectation that the children would be looked after and in due course their boarding school fees paid."

For a few months all went well. Michael kept paying the mortgage on the large house in Putney, London, and suggested a very reasonable annual allowance for the boys' welfare. He kept Mary's car on his company's books as well.

"Then suddenly it all changed. He wanted to sell off his half of the house, get rid of the car and declared he would no longer commit himself to paying the boys' school fees. To put it mildly, I was devastated. I went straight round to a solicitor to find out exactly what my position was," says Mary.

It was then that Mary, like countless other common law wives, found how far the popular fallacy concerning unmarried partners having the same rights as married ones is from the legal fact. "I found that I had no right to any part of his estate, in particular the house. I had no right to any maintenance for myself."

But more bad news was to come. This year's Budget took away the tax relief on maintenance, which almost doubled the cost of Michael's payment for the boys. Suddenly he was not being quite so generous. More important, Michael's previous wife, Jane, who had never absolutely been divorced, despite having lived apart for 15 years (bringing up three more of Michael's children) was now throwing the law book at him in an effort to get half of his estate.

"Since this involved half the house I lived in and the business and interests he had built up in his years living with me I was *flabbergasted*. Not least when I got an official letter from the Land Registry stating that it wanted to include Michael's half of the house in Jane's claim. Michael is, of course, living with someone else who he may well marry and then my position could get even worse."

Mary now realizes that despite her reservations about marrying Michael "I never envisaged growing old with him"; that she made a big mistake in hanging on to what she thought was her independence. "For the sake of the boys I should have got married. Common law wife sounds very nice but means very little. That piece of paper which says you are married means an awful lot."

Diane Parker, partner in Withers, Crossman and Block, solicitors, says: "Basically, cohabiting with a man gives a woman no more rights than if she was sharing a house with a perfect stranger. If a child results from the relationship, then the financial relief resulting is limited to supporting the child, and the child only. My advice to any woman who has a child in a relationship is to marry the other person. Women should be aware that an unmarried man can brush away the woman's dependence in what can seem a totally immoral fashion.

"The term common law wife is totally misleading, it means absolutely nothing in law. Yet its popularity encourages the idea that the whole bundle of rights which are accorded to a legally recognised wife apply to the common law wife also. Where people do live together, they are well advised to draw up an agreement which sets out the financial circumstances if they separate. Although at one point these agreements were frowned on there is now precedent for them being binding."

A large part of the work of the National Council for One Parent Families is involved in counselling those like Mary, and of course there are many less fortunate, who have been left in the financial lurch. In recent years there has been some movement on the Family Law Reform Act which has cleared up the legal differences that used to exist between "marital and non-marital children". That is legitimate and illegitimate offspring.

Another of Mary's problems is that Michael has no will. Brian Dodgeon is the National Council's tax expert. He says: "The last budget took away all relief for those paying out to unmarital children but left £1,400 for others. The new tax relief situation means that someone who used, if he was on the top tax band, to pay effectively only £2,000 for a £3,600 allowance now has to pay it all. The drift of the government policy seems to be to encourage marriage but in fact it is women and children who suffer. There is no consideration as in Mary's case of her loss of career and earnings."

Meanwhile Mary hopes that Michael will come out of his expensive court case with Jane with enough intact to support her and the boys. She knows that Michael is busy looking for a flat with his new woman and that his business is flourishing. It all makes her realize that her assumptions on the true nature of the "common law" relationship have been very expensive.

"It's got to the state that if I spend any money I get the shakes, I have lost contact with the life I used to lead. I've had to accept handouts from my parents at the very time I had hoped they would have a stress-free retirement."

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Independent tax day for the married woman

A tax revolution will be taking effect as from April 6, 1990. Husband and wife will then be taxed completely independently on earnings, savings, pensions, other income and capital gains.

This will mean that each partner will have separate personal allowances and capital gains tax exemptions.

There will also be the new "married couple's allowance". At current levels, this would be £1,490. This allowance is to go first to the husband and then any unused portion goes to the wife.

At present, the husband is responsible for preparing tax returns, but under the new system, these will be prepared separately by husband and wife. This should mean more privacy for wives.

Advantages of the new system

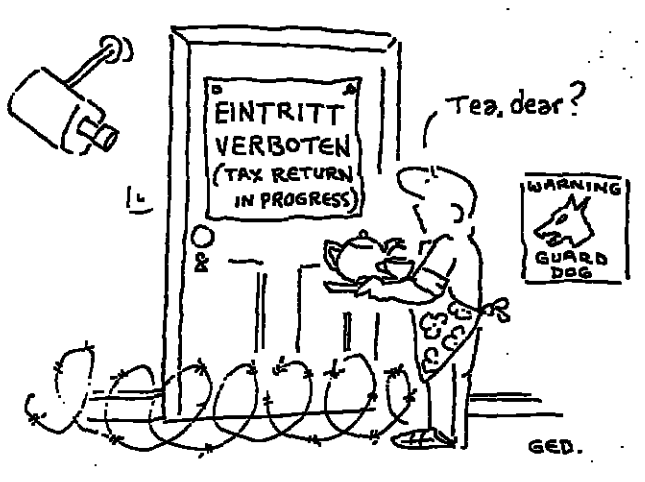
Substantial tax savings will result, where both husband and wife have income and/or capital gains. For example, if a wife has no earned income at present, her personal allowance is not used. Now suppose she has £5,000 of investment income on which her husband pays 25 per centincome tax at present. The tax is £1,250.

After April 5, 1990, assuming the tax rates are unchanged, she will be able to offset her £2,605 personal relief and only pay tax on £2,395. Thus, her tax will be £598.75, a saving of £651.25.

The situation is even more striking if the husband is a substantially higher rate taxpayer. The present tax on the wife's investment income of £5,000 would be at 40 per cent, making £2,000. In 1990-91, her tax on £5,000 would be £598.75, saving £1,401.25.

As well as being able to use the full £2,605 personal allowance, the wife will also have a complete £19,300 basic rate band at 25 per cent. This will be available both for income and capital gains.

From April 6, 1990, there will be a separate annual capital gains tax exemption for the wife. Taking the present level of £5,000, this will save up to £2,000 in tax for a wealthy couple where the wife has gains exceeding £5,000.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Practical points: Because of the advantages to be gained through having the income and gains taxed separately, it makes good sense to start preparing now.

Thus, transfer investments between partners to take advantage of the new rules. Normally, this means that if you have the bigger income, aim to transfer investments to your spouse. In this way, his or her income and potential capital gains will be increased.

Many practical points must be bornein mind; for example, the following matters were raised in queries from readers M.J. Dymond from Bath and Brian Whittingham of Horsham:

A. Where husband and wife jointly own income-producing assets, in general they are to be assessed on the income in equal shares. However, there will be the right to elect to be taxed on the actual shares of the income of a jointly-owned asset, if different. Thus, if one is entitled to three-quarters of the income, on election the taxable income will be split in this way.

B. Normally, there will be no need to transfer jointly- owned assets into the sole ownership of husband or wife. In fact the flexibility of choosing to be taxed on equal shares of the income, or making an election, would be lost.

C. Under the new system, tax repayment claims are likely to become more common. For example, if shares are transferred into the wife's name and she has no other income, tax will be reclaimable on the dividend income up to the amount of her personal relief.

D. Normally no tax will be repaid on building society or bank deposit interest. Thus, if either partner has only a small income, enough of this to cover that partner's personal relief (£2,605), should be from other investments. Otherwise, tax relief may be lost.

E. Where the family home is jointly owned, in general no changes are needed, to cope with the new rules. This is generally free of capital gains tax.

It is still a long time until April, 1990, and the rules may be adjusted. But this tax revolution really does introduce a new dimension into planning and investment. So make sure you are ready to make the most of the new opportunities. Start planning now.

Walter Sinclair

The author is a tax partner in Kidsons, chartered accountants, and author of The Allied Dunbar Tax Guide 1988-89

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As announced in the Press on 21st May, 1988 the Council of the Corporation of Foreign Bondholders are now taking steps towards the liquidation of the Corporation.

Over the years since their foundation they have, in the course of protecting the interests of bondholders, issued or assumed responsibility for various certificates, and other instruments which establish claims on the Corporation, and in spite of a number of invitations published in the past some of these have never been submitted for redemption or payment.

The Council accordingly issue a FURTHER INVITATION to holders of any such documents which appear to establish a claim on the Corporation, and in particular those listed below, to present them to the Council of Foreign Bondholders, 35 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1LE (Telephone 01-464 0305). When documents are sent through the post, these will be at the holder's risk.

Documents Redeemable by the Council

TITLE OF LOAN	NATURE OF DOCUMENT	YEAR OF ISSUE
ARGENTINA		
4% Bonds 1933	Fractional Scrip Certificates	1889
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE (Mortgage Stock)	Certificates of Deposit	1893
AUSTRIA-HUNGRY		
4% Gold Rentes 1876	Tickets (receipts)	1926
COLOMBIA		
Consolidated External Debt 1896 Conversion	Arrear Coupon Certificates Fractions	1905 about 1896
COSTA RICA		
Consolidated External Debt Gold Refunding Bonds 1911	Arrear Coupon Certificates Fracional Certificates	1897 & 1904 1911
ECUADOR		
4% Salt Bonds 1908	Certificates of Deposit	from 1929
Guayaquil & Quito Railway Co. 5% (3%) 1st Mortgage Bonds	Certificates of Deposit	from 1929
GUATEMALA		
4% External Debt of 1895-1913	Fractional Certificates	from 1913
4% External Debt of 1895-1913	Vouchers for deduction from Arrear Coupons	1913
4% External Debt of 1928	Fractional Certificates	from 1928
HONDURAS		
Government 5% Railway Loan 1867	Certificates of Deposit	1909
Government 10% Railway Loan 1867	Certificates of Deposit	1909
Government 6½% Railway Loan 1869	Certificates of Deposit	1909
Government 10% Railway Loan 1870	Certificates of Deposit	1909
NICARAGUA		
1886 Railway Mortgage Bonds	Arrear Coupon Certificates	from 1895
6% Sterling Loan 1909	Funding Certificates and Fractions	1918-1920
PARAGUAY		
1895 Conversion	Fractional Certificates	about 1895
PERU		
Pisco to Yca Railway Loan 1869	Certificates of Deposit	about 1890
PORTUGAL		
3% External Debt 1853-1884	Certificates for unpaid Interest	1893

Also, under the Act of 1898 reconstituting the Corporation, there is an outstanding liability to certain holders of Certificates of Permanent Membership issued by the Corporation, or to the Representatives or Assigns of such holders,

FAMILY MONEY

LETTERS

Unpaid debts of war

When the Chancellor of the Exchequer was interviewed on the "Today" programme, he referred to the possibility of some pensioners augmenting their income from invested savings, giving a greater return than the rate of inflation.

In view of this, will he please instruct the Paymaster General to increase the return on War Loan from its present miserly 3.5 per cent to 10 per cent or, alternatively, repay the War Loan so that those of us now retired might reinvest the money to get a better return.

I think it is diabolical that 40 years after the end of the war this money has not been repaid to those who loaned it in a spirit of patriotism.

NORMAN ANDERSON,
Drakes Drive,
Northwood,
Middlesex HA6 2SL

If it has done nothing else, the reported decision to re-examine state benefits for the elderly has focussed attention on their sex discriminatory nature. The Prime Minister, for example, although not yet a state pensioner, can enjoy free National Health prescriptions and reduced rate bus travel, *not available to the* retired male of the same age *on a fraction of her income.*

There is a case for some age-related, as opposed to means-tested, benefits — based on respect for age, gratitude for services rendered over many years, and also as an honorarium for voluntary service anticipated from the younger elderly, e.g. further jury service — but no case for gender-different qualifying ages.

DAVID LINDSAY,
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Whitchurch Hill,
Reading RG8 7QL

Don't let Mr Lawson pull the wool over your eyes. *Means* testing pensions are already with us. If your wife has earned an occupational pension, your state retirement pension will be cut to that of a single man.

S. M. CRAWSHAW,
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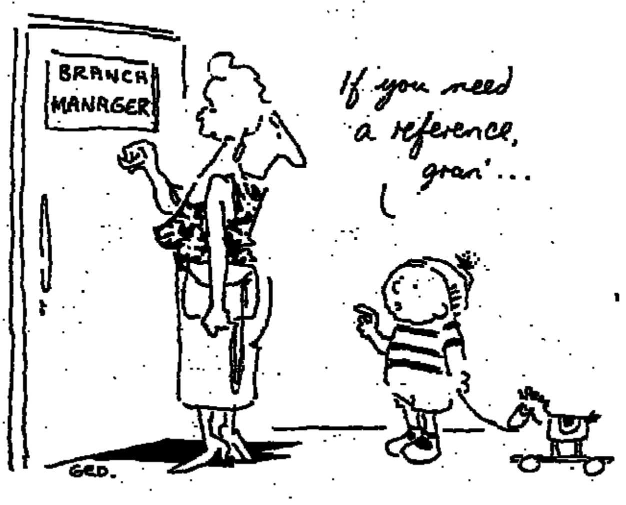
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Childproof credit limit

My wife has used a credit card for 16 years and the monthly account has always been paid in full, virtually by return of post. She recently exceeded her credit limit for the first time, and received a peremptory letter telling her not to use the card until the excess had been eliminated — i.e. until the next statement. This was clearly inconvenient.

Our schoolboy son, without independent means, also exceeded his credit limit — not altogether inadvertently one suspects — and he received a letter imposing no restraint, but offering an immediate increase in his credit limit. This seems to add an inverted meaning to the expression: one rule for the rich and one for the poor.

Dr JAMES M. B. BURN,
The Frenches,
Romsey,
Hampshire, SO5 0FE

Standard rudeness

I recently received a letter from a company with which I have a hire purchase agreement informing me that my account was in arrears. This surprised me as instalments are paid by standing order and, as far as I was concerned, had been paid regularly. What annoyed me, however, was the patronising note at the end of the letter urging me to forward future payments "promptly". I replied, but a few days later received a second letter stating that "several" requests had been made and that my "future co-operation...would be appreciated".

The company concerned received an irate telephone call from me. Their excuse for the tone of the letter was that it was "standard". I regard this as a feeble excuse for a basic discourtesy and a lamentable lack of concern for good customer relations. Surely even a standard letter could inquire into the facts and avoid lecturing the customer until it has been established that the customer is at fault.

**Ms V. M. BURTON
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Oxfordfordshire OX9 4QE**

Protected species

Mr Donald Chilvers (Letters, Saturday 5 November), is harsh in his judgement that the driver of the car which damaged his own was negligent to have died at such an inconvenient time and place.

He is not alone in the false belief that every mishap is the *fault of some other party* — or even perhaps oneself.

I should like to bring to his attention the inexpensive remedy available to us all — personal accident insurance, which was, in the happy days before we were all wrapped in state welfare, easily sold by the likes of me to ordinary men-in-the-street.

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PETER D. ALLAN,
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● Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and *independent* professional advice should be sought

Tip sheet that touts unlisted shares

Readers of *Investors World*, probably the best written and most professionally produced of all the numerous tip sheets which peddle shares, might well believe that the eight-page magazine which drops on to their doormat every three weeks is above reproach.

Investors World has even applied for membership of the British watchdog body, Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, because, though the magazine is published from Monaco, it is edited and produced at an address in Ealing, west London.

Two associated businesses, a Luxembourg stockbroker called simply WW, and Tandembay Ltd, a British magazine distribution company owned by *Investors World* editor Anna Francis, have also applied to join Fimbra.

All three applications are being considered by Fimbra officials, but having applied for membership just hours before the February deadline under the Financial Services Act, *Investors World* currently holds interim authorization from the Securities and Investments Board. This means investors are not protected by the compensation fund designed to bail out victims of failed financial advisers or organizations closed by the authorities.

This status could be extremely significant to investors as inquiries by *The Times* this week have shown that:

- ● Four people behind *Investors World*, including two of its directors, are in jail in Monaco on suspicion of fraud;
- ● Readers on the magazine's mailing list are regularly phoned by "advisers" selling obscure shares recommended in *Investors World*;
- ● And shares have been tipped with the false claim that they can be traded on a recognized stock exchange.

Investors World is, in theory, an independent publication. Interviewed recently, before the arrest of her colleagues, editor Anna Francis told *The Times*: "We do not have a telephone sales operation . It is a straightforward publication." *Investors World*, she said, was paid for by reader subscription.

However, readers have this week denied that they have ever paid for the magazine. A reader in Wales said: "They then asked me for a subscription, and I said no, but it still kept arriving." The same reader has had numerous phone calls from sales people claiming to represent *Investors World* trying "to sell me shares in two companies, Trasco and Rich Coast Sulphur".

Wind-power: Trascot

An American businessman, Bill Wenande, put thousands of dollars into Trasco after being contacted by *Investors World* and WW. This week he complained he had not even been given a share certificate. "They don't answer the telephone in their Luxembourg office," he said. "I tried to track down Trasco but their telephone has been disconnected in Holland."

Mr Wenande paid $2.70 each for his Trasco shares, only to see the price tumble to 50c.

Trasco is a Dutch company set up to build windmills to generate electricity. It has received extensive coverage in *Investors World* for more than a year. The company's ownership is obscured by numerous major holdings registered in tax haven states with few or no laws on disclosure.

It is partly owned by a British company, Manlo Overseas Limited, but Department of Trade records shed no light at all on Trasco's owners. Manlo has no actual people on its board of directors, but rather two more limited companies — one in Gibraltar and the other in the Isle of Man. And Manlo itself is said to be owned by a Panamanian company called Sardrette.

Records in Vancouver, where Trasco has its share quote, show that millions of shares were issued to close associates of the company at 40c each, with options on millions more at prices between 60c and $1.10. This compares with the $2 *a share* stated by in a special Christmas offer in 1987. *The Times* warned then against this offer of a holly-bedecked share certificate, saying there was no trace of any stock market quote for the company.

The editor of *Investors World*, Anna Francis, has denied that her magazine tips unlisted shares. She said: "We never recommend anything that is not listed.."

Nevertheless, *Investors World* touted Trasco at least eight months before it was granted a quote by the Vancouver Stock Exchange authorities.

Investors World has worked hard to improve its chances of gaining entry to Fimbra. The company's application was actually drawn up by the former chief investigator of the Ontario Securities Commission, John Leybourne, a man with a reputation for cracking down on "boiler room" share promoters.

Maurice Schelvis, the man behind both *Investors World* and WW, one of the four now in jail, is a former business associate of Al Simon, a Canadian share swindler. Simon is himself sought by the Monaco police after the sudden closure recently of his own Monte Carlo company, Merger and Management. An official in Monaco said this week that as well as Schelvis, police had arrested his fellow *IW* director, Jean Pierre Ivaldi, Schelvis's girlfriend, and his secretary. "Investors World was the marketing arm," explained the official. "WW was where the money came in."

Fimbra spokeswoman Fiona Monro confirmed that membership applications from *Investors World*, WW, and Tandembay were still under consideration. She said: "A number of doubts have been expressed to us and these are being explored. We have been informed that a number of people connected with these companies are under arrest and we are investigating this as a matter of urgency."

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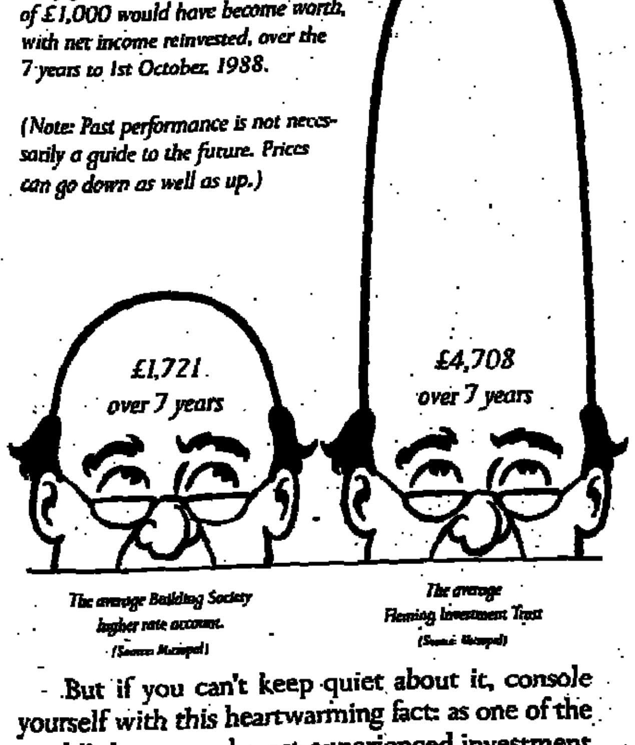
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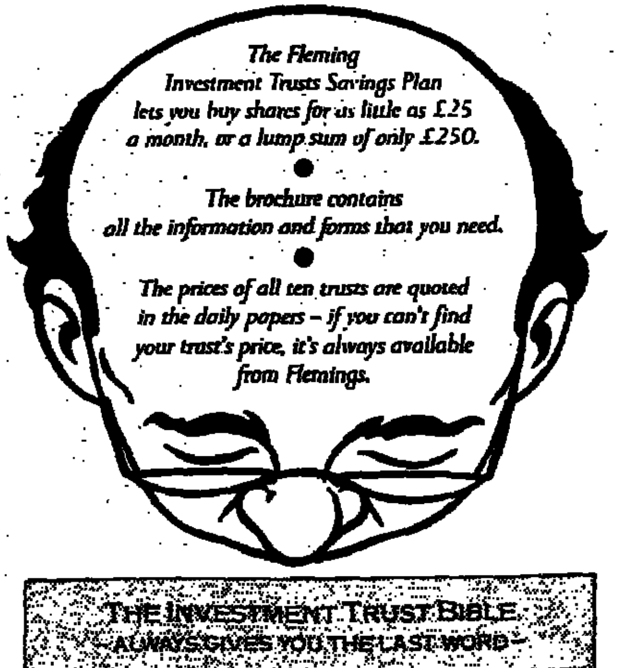
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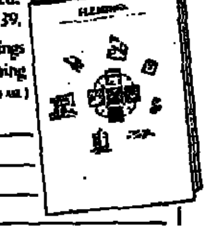

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A flight beyond the frontiers

Skiing has become safe and boring for the young bloods. They are zooming over cliffs and into the air to recapture the old excitement and danger.

Pearson Phillips goes in search of skiing's new wave

DIDIER GIVOIS

Jumping for joy: the hot-blooded young enthusiasts cannot wait to get away from the traffic jams and "wimps" on the *piste*. The more challenging "new-wave" activities are the result of cross-breeding with sports such as mountaineering and hang-gliding

A strange yodelling call echoed down at me from an Austrian crag while I was taking the essential breather between ski runs last winter. "Su-urf's Up!" It heralded the arrival of a pair of gaudily-dressed youths standing on single boards like surfers, twitching and swooping down a field of virgin powder snow, long blonde hair flying in the wind. The sight filled me with the mixture of tetchiness and depression that comes from seeing something done well that one cannot do at all.

There is a certain gruesome secret connected with the sport of skiing which most of us who are addicted to it tend to conceal. The fact is — whisper it — it needn't be very difficult. We have been spoilt in recent years. New teaching skills, like *ski evolutif*, have taken much of the pain out of learning. Technology has produced skis that will turn of their own accord. Resorts cosset us by battering the snow into gentle *pistes* that flatter everyone into feeling like an expert.

As a test of nerve and skill, I would rate modern resort-skiing as being only slightly more challenging than ballroom dancing, and about as crowded.

It was not always like this. Skiing began as an activity for highly competitive eccentrics. They'd be up with the dawn, climb a mountain, breakfast off raw onion and beer, then flounder down — unmarked routes through indifferent and varied snow. Every run was an exertion, an adventure, and, most probably, a race. Then came 1934, and the invention of the T-bar. Some people say skiing has been going downhill ever since.

The result was predictable. People are looking for something more challenging, particularly the hot-blooded young, for whom the prosaic business of observing the highway code while skiing the *pistes* with mums, dads and wimps soon loses any tang of exhilaration or danger. In the sacred name of doing away with lift queues, the resorts have doubled up their carrying capacity, which has moved the traffic jams from the lifts to the *pistes*.

One solution is to go off-piste. But avalanches like the one that hit Prince Charles's party in Klosters have made resorts more rigorous in controlling the off-piste enthusiasts, insisting on guided parties. And off-piste routes are becoming as populous and worn as the regular runs.

PHILIPPE ROYER

Plain sailing: *parapente*, using a glorified parachute, is the fastest growing of the new sports

What is there for the individualist and the adventurer, who looks for the same kind of danger and exhilarating adventure in the mountains as the early skiing pioneers?

In recent years a number of "new wave" skiing activities have appeared. They are mostly the results of cross-breeding between sports. We have already seen this hybridization in other areas. Surfing and sailing came together to produce windsurfing. Surfing teamed with the urban roller-skating cult to produce skateboarding.

The three hybrids gaining ground in the Alps also include an input from the surfing world, snowboarding. There is also *parapente*, which is a snow-based version of parascending, and *ski extreme*, a hazardous activity which seems closer to mountaineering than skiing as the package holidaymaker knows it.

The snowboarder stands on his "deck" with feet facing across it and weight predominantly on the back foot, like a surfer. Skiers find it much more difficult than using a monoski, which can be learnt in a few hours. Snowboarding takes much frustrating time and effort, which is one of its attractions to the young bloods. It is not something the casual one-week holidaymaker is likely to master. Hugh Parsons, of Outdoor Action, near Cardiff, says that for the first three days there will be a lot of falling over. "But then suddenly you find your 'sweet spot', your point of natural balance, and everything comes together. Once you have made that breakthrough the leap from beginner to expert is comparatively short."

The technology was pioneered by American surfers looking for a way of carrying on their sport in the winter. They started to make boards derived from the ones they used on the beach. Early models even had a thin aluminium fin under the bow for stability. The feet were free to move about the flat "deck" on a studded surface.

The first snowboards, known as "wintersticks", were brought to Britain in the late Seventies from America. Since then they have become more like skis, with fixed bindings and metal edges, making it possible to use them on *piste* as well as on soft, deep snow. The clothing manufacturers, sensing a new craze, are offering products aimed at the extreme, hot-coloured, youthful taste of the snowsurfers. There are even clothes for "*après surfing*".

Some go-ahead French resorts willing to welcome anything new and testing, like Les Arcs, La Plagne and Chamonix, encouraged the "surfers". But there was some resistance from more staid resorts. It is unnerving for skiers who find the whole business frightening enough at the best of times to have their gentle traverse interrupted by the snarling scrape-scrape of a flock of fast-moving, gaily-coloured snowboarders, shooting out banks of ice crystals at each turn.

Snowboarders still in the middle of their learning curve may not be entirely in control of their boards. Some people still fear that the Alps may suffer the fate of stretches of urban concrete, and be taken over by crowds of youthful skateboarders. But more resorts are accepting what they now see as the inevitable. *Telecabines* are being provided with extra-wide racks to take snowboards. And even a fur-coated, aloof and expensive resort like Zurs has accepted snowboarders for a championship meeting.

They now compete against each other in different classes, including a snowboard speciality called the "half-pipe", performed on an artificial 150-metre track banked at the sides into the shape of a half cylinder. Competitors perform their aerial loops, their handstands or their handplants, which involves pivoting round on a hand stretched down on the snow.

John Adams, a surfer and film producer, introduced British surfing champion Steve MacNicol to the sport in Austria, and filmed the result. "In four or five days he was skiing powder in a way which would take someone four or five years of skiing to achieve," he says. "It appeals to a new type of dynamic, energetic, European youth; all young and all determined to go anywhere they want in the mountains. It is the best possible way to enjoy the mystic experience of flying through powder."

But for the mystical experience of flying through the air, soaring aloof from the multitudes on the *piste*, there is nothing to beat skiing over the edge of a precipice and sailing down to the valley floor with the help of a glorified parachute. *Parapente* is now the fastest growing of the new-wave ski sports. Hang-gliders have been on offer to adventurous holiday skiers for years, particularly in French resorts. The *parapente* is a "soft hang-glider", an aereodynamically efficient

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parachute canopy which provides lift and steering control. With skilful use of thermals and ridge lift, flights can be prolonged for hours – 40-mile flights have been achieved. The fact that the journey is performed underneath an already open parachute is comforting.

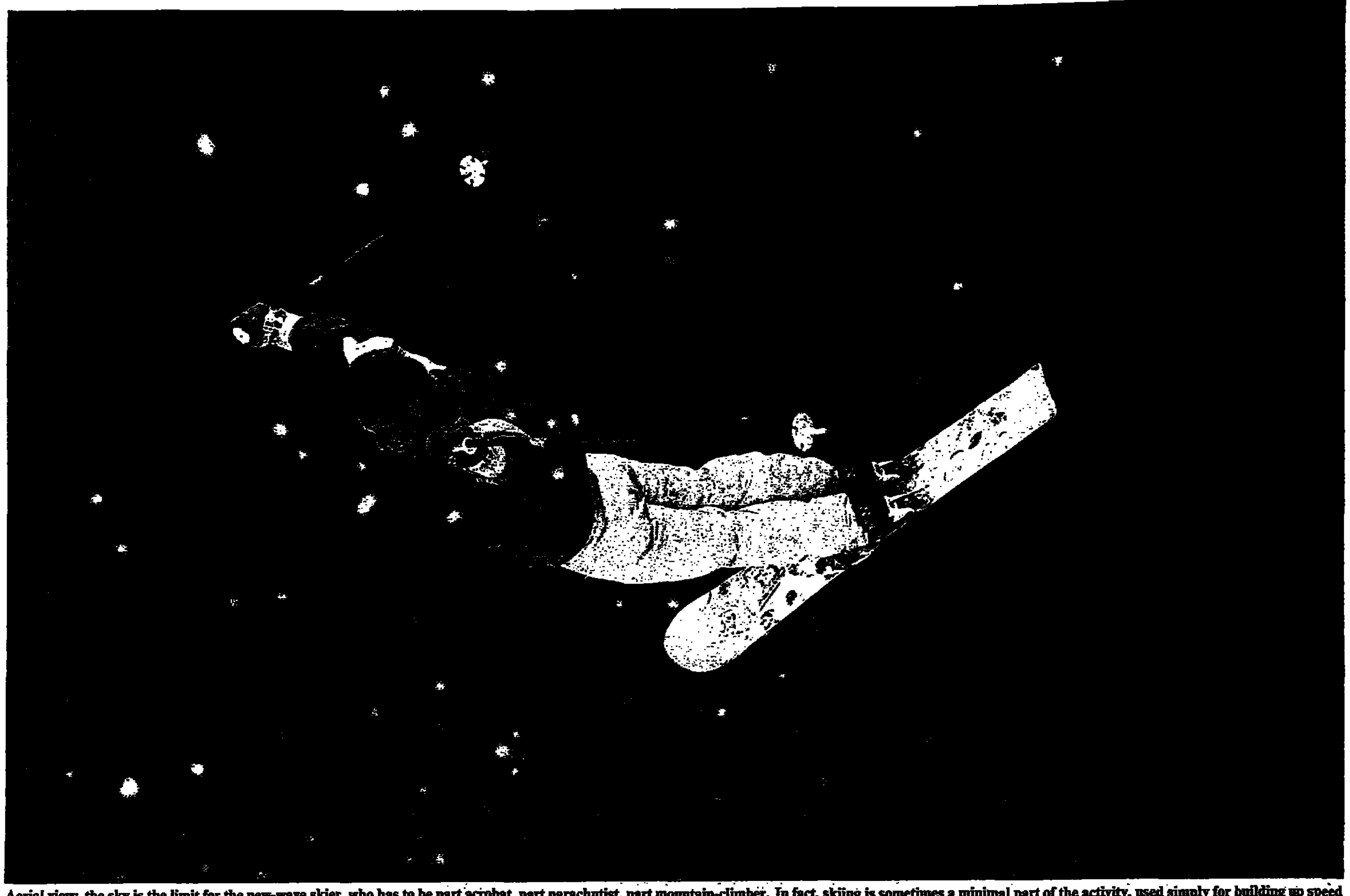
It was French parachutists who took their *parapentes* to the Alps in search of high launching grounds. *Parapente* schools are springing up in all the big French ski resorts. Skiing is a minimal part of the affair. The skis are used simply for building up speed on take-off and taking the strain on landing.

> *‘One fall there and it is the end for the skier’*

The advantage of the *parapente* over the hang-glider, which requires time-consuming rigging, is that it can be quickly folded into a rucksack and taken up a lift. It takes only a minute to stretch out a *parapente* canopy and attach the harness.

The disadvantage of doing it in the Alps in winter is that the snow-covered landscape does not offer any thermal lift, and wind around the peaks may produce awkward, even dangerous, turbulence. But in ideal conditions a drop of 3,000ft can last seven or eight minutes.

Finally, there is *ski extreme*. This brings together the advantages of modern equipment with the boldness and daring of the old-time ski heroes. The nearest most people will get to a *ski extreme* specialist is when, from a chairlift, they glimpse a lone pair of ski tracks snaking down a near-vertical stretch of snow between two rock faces. How on earth did they get there? Some *ski extreme* enthusiast was unable to resist the challenge of unmarked snow.



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Aerial view: the sky is the limit for the new-wave skier, who has to be part acrobat, part parachutist, part mountain-climber. In fact, skiing is sometimes a minimal part of the activity, used simply for building up speed

MARIO COLONEL

They are more mountaineers than skiers. They enjoy collecting "first descents" just as mountaineers relish "first ascents". Their delight is to climb a severe peak (or take a helicopter) and ski down it the hard, fast way. A fall for a *piste* skier, or even a skier off-piste, will normally entail little more than making a hole in a pile of snow. But a faller doing a steep and icy *ski extreme* route will probably end up many hundreds of metres below, and possibly over a precipice. One notorious spot is the snowfield above the north face of the Eiger. One fall there and it is the end. And remember, these are not manicured *pistes*. Wind will have removed stretches of snow, revealing ice. There will be hard crust, like cake icing, which breaks and makes turning almost impossible.

The guru of the sport is a Frenchman from Chamonix called Patrick Vallençant. Throughout the Seventies he spent his time conquering peaks and skiing down them, from the Alps to the Andes.

From his base in Chamonix he made regular assaults on the Mont Blanc Massif, conquering all the *couloirs*. A good steep *couloir*, or corridor, between vertical rock faces is what brings the light of devilment into the eyes of a *ski extreme* exponent.

Vallençant's exploits, and the films he made of them, created a taste for the activity. He has founded a school in Chamonix, Skiez Hors Piste, where the basic techniques can be learnt. The school grades its classes to small groups of equal ability, but everyone has to be competent, not to say fearless, before attempting the Mont Blanc *couloirs*. "We are looking," says Vallençant, "for skiers who want to ski on snow which does not bear any human traces." The risks are worth it, as he lyrically explains: "The ice-cold wind under a blazing sun goes to your head and intoxicates you. It is the magic balance between passion and wisdom."

In pursuit of that ideal the school organizes expeditions to the Dolomites and the Himalayas. There is also a French ski resort called La Grave. This place has gone soft enough to build a chain of lifts. But it must be unique among resorts in that it has no *pistes*. "The management is anxious to resist the obvious pressures to widen the resort's appeal," comments the *Good Skiing Guide*.

Piste-less skiing packages could be the coming thing.

Leading edge: ski extreme seems closer to mountaineering than to skiing. A fall can be fatal

WHERE TO FIND THE BEST GEAR – AND TRY IT OUT

BEST SNOW CONDITIONS

Both monoskis and snowboards perform on *piste* – packed snow – but their stability, banked-turn effect and speed come into their own in any kind of soft snow – powder, spring snow and chopped up "crud". The deep, heavy snow of late spring and summer can be ideal – single boards do not get bogged down in these conditions.

BEST PLACES

Open terrain is obviously best. Avoid resorts with most of their skiing below the treeline (below 2,000 metres/7,000 feet). The best places are those with big, wide powder slopes and glacier skiing. They tend to have rental shops with the latest gear.

In **Switzerland:** Verbier, Zermatt, Saas Fee. **France:** Val-d'Isère, Tignes, Chamonix (Argentière), Les Deux Alpes, Val Thorens. **Austria:** Kaprun, Hinter Tux, Sölden, Lech, St Anton. **Italy:** Cervinia, Courmayeur. Less strongly recommended is Les Arcs in France, which has a section of its ski school devoted to "*nouvelle sensations*" – monoskiing and snowboarding.

SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT

The snowboard should not be confused with the monoski, which pre-dated it. There is one crucial difference. On a monoski the skier stands facing forward with booted feet fixed in ski-type bindings. The technique resembles normal skiing. Good skiers can hire a monoski and get good results on soft snow in a matter of hours.

Boards have become more technically refined, with metal edges and a similar, flexible specification to skis. Whereas ankles were once unrestricted and feet free or held only by elastic straps, the manufacturers are now offering special snowboard boots that provide ankle support and plate bindings screwed into the deck. But developing a safety binding that will release in a fall is proving a problem. The main danger is that in a high speed wipe-out the "deck" may whirl around and strike the skier. Decks are changing shape and are much more like wide skis, since they have steel edges.

The K2 Gyrator deck is the current "buzz" among snowboarders. Elan and Rossignol also make snowboard decks. Price range: £150 to £250.

● Burton is a specialist manufacturer of decks, boots, bindings, accessories and clothing. Distributors: Second Level Sport, Clockhouse Lane, Bedfont, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 8QA (tel: 0784 251000).

● Specialist snowboard boots (hybrids of ski mountaineering boots) have started to appear. The best are made by Raichle and Koflach (around £200 a pair).

Releasable bindings are not yet on the market. Burton and Emery make screw-on plate bindings to hold the boots to the deck. The Emery is around £75. Since a snowboard does not have a brake, a leash should also be worn, linking your ankle to the binding.

Good retailers: Activ, 557-561 Battersea Park Road, London SW11. Outdoor Action, 12 Wyeverne Road, Cathays, Cardiff (tel 0222 22892).

MONOSKI EQUIPMENT

Most large ski manufacturers are now making monoskis, but the French (Dynastar and Rossignol) are probably the best since they have had most research devoted to them. Strong bindings are recommended. Look and Ess make special toughened models.

Good retailers: Snow and Rock, 188 Kensington High Street, London W8 (tel: 01 937 0872) or Priory House, Queensway, Birmingham B4 6BS (tel: 021 236 8280).

PARAPENTE/PARAGLIDING

Many resorts offer dual flights to give novices a taste of the sport. (Two people will sink at around 600ft a minute, compared with 400ft a minute for one person). Michel Carnet, who runs a school for paragliders (another name for them) in the South Downs around Brighton, says it takes an average of four days' tuition for someone to master the techniques of turning, landing and soaring.

One other advantage over hang-gliding is that it is less strenuous. Even 10-year-olds and their grandfathers can do it.

The cost, for hang gliding, is relatively modest. Between £700 and £800 will provide the canopy and harness for a *parapente* expedition. Such refinements as cross-country wrist compasses and "Go Fly a Kite" T-shirts are extra.

● Lessons can be taken either in the UK (without skis) or in the Alps. Mountain Dynamics run courses in both UK and mountain locations. Address: 264k Berecroft, Harlow, Essex, CM18 7SQ (tel: 0279 415743). Equipment costs £800 to £1,400. **Retailer:** Outdoor Action (as above). In the Alps, good courses are available in the larger Swiss and French resorts, such as Val-d'Isère, Verbier, Les Arcs and Chamonix.

COURSES

The Ski Club of Great Britain has a "new sensations" party to La Clusaz from January 28 to February 4, including monoskiing, snowboarding, and *parapente*. It costs £520 including half-board and lift pass. *Details* 01 245 1033.

Snowboarding course: Just Ski is organizing one in Serre Chevalier from January 13 to 22. Details 0502 89187.

***Parapente* courses:** Michel Carnet, Sky Systems, Knoll Business Centre, Bellingham Crescent, Old Shoreham Road, Hove, Brighton BN3 7GS (0273 423650).

Sky Systems also take parties to the Alps.

Ski extreme: Tuition is available from Skiez Hors Piste, Chamonix (010 33 50540511).

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Scottish Association of Snowboarding, c/o Marywell Gas, Stonehaven Road, Aberdeen (enclose an SAE for details).

British Association of Parascending Clubs, 18 Talbot Lane, Leicester, LE1 4LR. This organization oversees *parapente*/paragliding in the UK.

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Sufficiently fixed in the sticks

The most famous chefs in the world gathered in Buckinghamshire this week to create a meal worthy of the French Culinary Academy.

Byron Rogers did it justice

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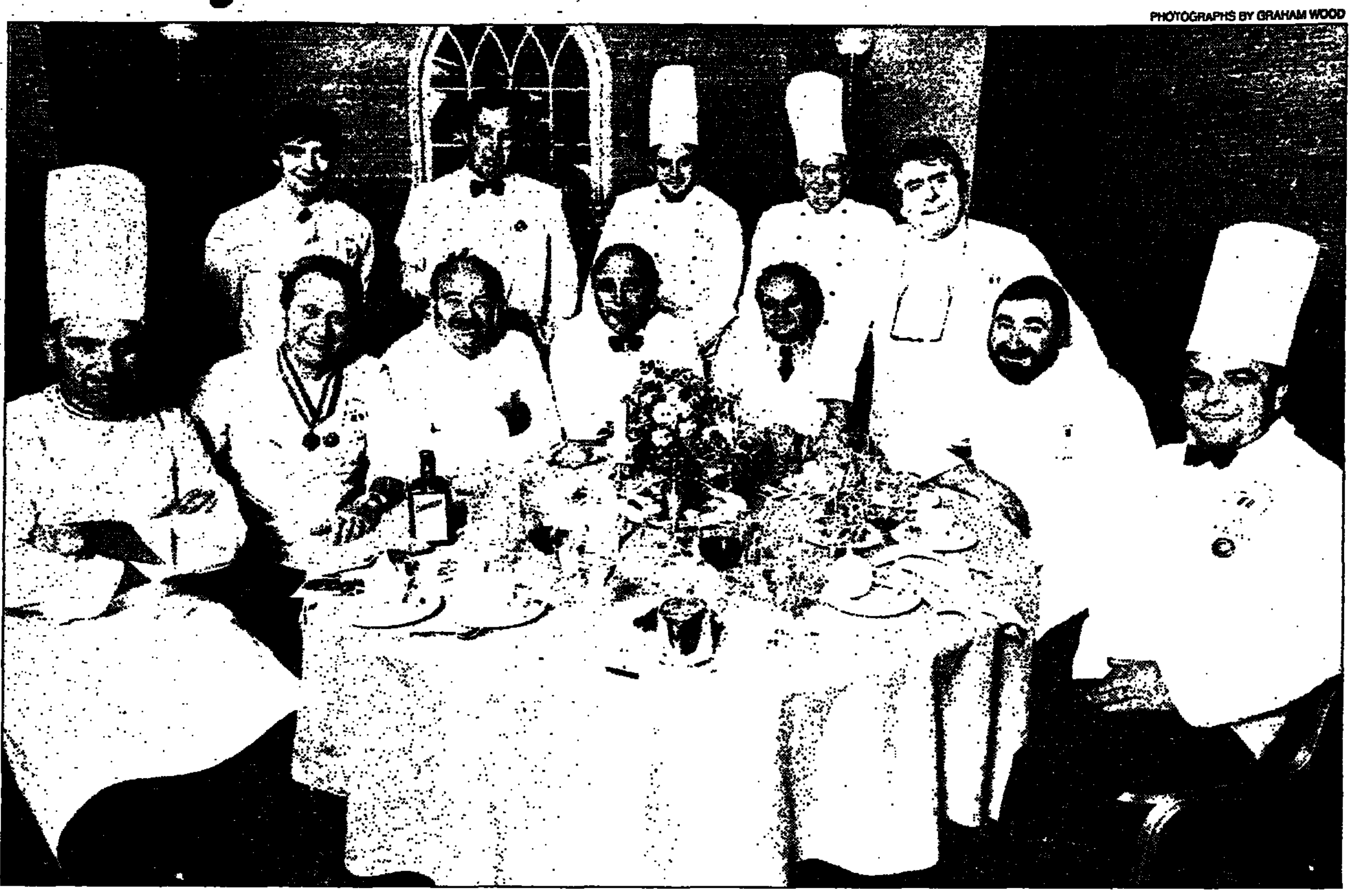

Sitting, from left: **Jean Fleury, chef de cuisine of the Lyons restaurant of Paul Bocuse (absent from the picture); Michel Roux, of the Waterside Inn, Bray; Pierre Troisgros, of Hotel Pierre Troisgros in Roanne, near Lyons; Alain Chapel, of Restaurant Alain Chapel, Mionnay, near Lyons; Joel Robuchon, of Le Jamin, Paris; Michael Nadell, of the Nadell Patisserie, London; Michel Bourdin, chef de cuisine of the Connaught.**

Standing, from left: Raymond Blanc, of Le Quat' Saisons, Great Milton, Oxfordshire; Richard Shepherd, chef partner in Langan's Restaurants and Chairman of the Academie; Bernard Neveux, Gaston Lenotre's chef patissier; Gaston Lenotre; Albert Roux, of Le Gavroche

There was a fish in Japan, began my neighbour, which was one of the most exquisite delicacies on earth. It had just one drawback: the liver was poisonous. And not your "What fool's moved the bicarb?" poisonous, but the real "Hello, ancestors" variety.

The only thing was, he dabbed sombrely at his moustache with a napkin, the nearer you got to the liver the more exquisite the fish got. Forty Japs a year, he said, went one cutlet too far.

They must have been there in spirit this week, or staring approvingly out of that crowded heaven they share with Henry VIII ("it was death to him to be dieted . . . and death not to be dieted"), the Emperor Vitellius who dined four times a day, every day, and Louis XVI who, according to folklore, stopped for a picnic on the Flight to Varennes.

On Tuesday night, at the Bell in Aston Clinton, 200 people sat down to consume what must be considered one of the ultimate meals in the history of mankind's brief stagger between the nipple and the drip-feed. It cost them £200 a head.

When details were first announced the organizers had 50 reservations within the first two days — *in the middle of a postal strike*. The reservations were faxed through or delivered by hand; in the case of the latter each came accompanied by a cheque.

There was, of course, an excuse for this fix in the sticks. There has to be now, with all those safari-suited chaps in refugee camps talking out of every TV set in the country. The occasion was an opportunity to display the missionary zeal of the British chapter of the French Culinary Academy in its attempt to found a university of gastronomy in this country.

And Lord Young was there.

Wild mushrooms, said my neighbour suddenly, his eyes moist with the remembrances of lunches past. Plucked just an hour before, in the woods of Savoy. There were five different varieties of wild mushroom, and he had had them all.

Out of the corner of one eye I saw a man with a video camera filming the course he was about to eat. Beyond him there was an American in a white tuxedo who looked as though he could not remember a time when he did not have to come through a door sideways; he had flown in on Concorde for this, oblivious to such trivia as the presidential election.

There were young French career women with their terrible bare shoulders (one informed me that she was there to represent chocolate). There was the film-star Michael Caine, returned to claim his British birthright (which includes £200 meals). There were French chefs, five feet tall, four feet round the middle, festooned with wild stars and sashes like the last representatives of some goblin aristocracy.

And Nigel Dempster was there.

Did I dream all this? Was there really such a meal and a gathering of such improbable figures? In Buckinghamshire? It seems there was, for this is the morning after and I am moving like a deep-sea diver.

From the start there was the feeling that it was some beano of the Old World. A line of young men stood in the night, holding flaming torches aloft in white-gloved hands, and the Bell could have been a winter palace, with the muttering proletariat elsewhere. All the waiters wore white gloves as well. It was because the plates were hot, my neighbour was told.

The French Culinary Academy dates from 1883, but its mentors go back long before that, to a chap called Tirel in 1370. Like all great chefs he would have been unaware that the Hundred Years War was going on at the time. The legendary Careme cooked for Napoleon but must have stuck his head out of the kitchen at some point and noticed Napoleon was no longer around, for he then started cooking for the Tsar and the Prince Regent.

But then the hierarchies of the world are shadows beside those of the Academy, with its senior members, affiliate members, méritant members, and honorary and associate members. The president of the British chapter is Michel Bourdin of the Connaught.

He was there on Tuesday night, congratulating the gastronomes on coming, with Albert Roux, who must be on his way to becoming the most famous man on earth. Open a colour magazine, switch on a television set, and there he is looking at you over his glasses. Switch on a television set and he is whisking something in a bowl. It is getting to the point where a man dares not open a cupboard in his own house in case Roux should be inside.

For the night the champagne house of Moët et Chandon had also flown over five of the most famous chefs in France in its company jet, amongst them Paul Bocuse at Lyons, by common acknowledgement of his peers the king of them all.

These, with five chefs fielded by the home side, were responsible for the meal, two men sharing each course between them. Or rather, as the toastmaster, the great Ivor Spencer delicately put it, each course was created by the two chefs and then "realized in the kitchen" by two more.

The guests arrived, had as much champagne as they could take poured into them, and moved painlessly into Wonderland. "9.00. Lobster Speech. 9.05. Service of Lobster. 9.30. Partridge Speech. 9.35. Service of Partridge." Each course came prefaced by a speech by one of the chefs and was then described by the toastmaster ("Rich jelly of gamey pot au feu, just set. Served with chicken jelly and beetroot cream with grated fresh horse-radish and beluga caviare"). Only then, and reverently, could you move in on it. These were my notes:

I am sitting next to the organizing lady, who has discovered she is a vegetarian. I eat her first course, which I enjoy. My neighbour, he of the Japanese fish, pronounces it rather bland ("The horse-radish was like a little firework going up in otherwise unoccupied space"). I look across eagerly but his plate is empty.

We are served a Chablis St Martin 1987, which I discover is the finest wine I have ever drunk. I am informed that by eating two helpings I have already consumed £20 worth of caviare. I am further informed that at £200 a head the Academy has barely covered its own costs.

A roast lobster, which I enjoy. The organizing lady toys with hers, and my neighbour, with awe in his voice, declares that she must have the gift of abstinence.

They bring a Château Duhárt-Milon-Rothschild 1983, which I discover is the finest wine I have ever drunk. My neighbour agrees, murmuring that it is almost solid Cabernet Sauvignon. How lovely the bare backs of the women look.

I am enjoying the partridge now. My neighbour, who has noticed me scribbling in a notebook every time he opens his mouth, asks what I am up to, but like jesting Pilate does not stay for an answer. He is smelling the good wine. And then the cheese. Warm cow's cheese blended with Roquefort. My neighbour says this is the first course which has made him sit up and say "Wow". I do not like it very much.

I read that it contains something described as a "pine liqueur". Could that be a misprint for a fine liqueur? He instructs me to be careful for we are at a gastronomic summit here, and there are men around us with palates as fine as a humming bird's.

The pudding is "Chocolate genoise set together with confiture au Cointreau, filled with bitter Barry chocolate mousse, in which is hidden a morsel of Cointreau macerated genoise . . . " Or something like that. The pudding is so rich a man could vanish in it and get preserved, as in one of those bog burials. They serve the sweet champagne, which I realize is the finest wine I have ever drunk.

But I look around curiously for I am six feet three, weigh 15 stone, and I cannot finish my pudding. On other tables they have finished their puddings. I begin to appreciate that I am among Titans here.

It is midnight, outside the long windows the fireworks are going off and I talk to the French chocolate lady who tells me that her firm has been in French ownership since 1848. But wasn't there a Revolution going on in France then? Ah yes, she says vaguely.

She talks about cocoa processing and I talk about her shoulders. And dress. French fashions, I say knowingly. Laura Ashley, she says.

The chefs appear and are toasted, and there are 40 of them. Good God, I count them again and there really are 40 chefs. And then it is over.

Homeward, through sleeping Bucks. My neighbour, unable to find a hotel room anywhere in the area, has told me that he intends finding some lay-by where for a few hours he can unroll his sleeping-bag. At home everyone is in bed and I attempt to tell the dalmation about Japanese fish. She ignores me.

Busy in the back room: preparing for the night of the long feed

> *‘Was there really such a meal, and such an improbable gathering?’*

Returning to claim his heritage: Michael Caine with his wife Shakira, under the discreet observation of (right) Nigel Dempster

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The long tanned arm of the law

Nearly two years late, and around five minutes short, Keith Waterhouse's funny, if at times heavy-handed, play, *Slip Up*, finally hit the small screen as *The Great Paper Chase* (BBC1). The reactions of the retired train robber Ronnie Biggs (played here, as in the feature film *Buster*, by lantern-jawed Larry Lamb — the actor, not the former tabloid editor) are unknown. The delay in transmission is due to the objections of retired Detective Chief Superintendent Jack Slipper to his portrayal as a bungling plod who got his man and then lost him to the small print of Brazilian justice. "No police officer," the end roller was careful to say, "could have got him back".

It would still be difficult to imagine a less flattering performance than that of the estimable Jeremy Kemp as an old school Knacker of the Yard: humourless, moralistic, self-important, less than brilliant, and perpetually whingeing about the heat of Rio and its natives' reluctance to speak the Queen's English. The missing five minutes must have been wonderful indeed.

As the title change implies, this was less an account of the law's long arm losing its grip than of the Street of Shame's finest minds stitching one another up left, right and centrefold — a sort of moveable feast of dirty tricks and well observed clichés. Even the (atypically scrupulous) journalist who first cottoned to Biggs's whereabouts was seen in the end succumbing to prevailing standards as he interviewed the girlfriend in a smart restaurant. "My mother," she supplied, "was a washer woman". "Marvellous!" he drooled. "More lobster!"

There was, as one of the hacks pointed out in a moment of rare inspiration, an awful lot of copy in Brazil. And there is commensurate mileage to be had from the spectacle of the great British press baying after a hot story in foreign parts. The most illuminating treatment of this theme is still *Scoop*, which — however transparent its "real" setting — remains a work of fiction. One wonders what contractual obligation prevented Waterhouse concocting a drama about "a detective" pursuing "a fugitive criminal" in "a foreign country". Remember *Tumbledown*.

Martin Cropper

The actor and the playwright: Ian McKellen (left) and Alan Ayckbourn, with McKellen, Jane Asher and Michael Simkins in a scene from Ayckbourn's latest play, *Henceforward*, about a composer of electronic music

Who should pay the player?

Alan Ayckbourn and Ian McKellen have devoted most of their energies in recent years to the National Theatre, where both of them led acting companies. Now they are working together, back in the commercial theatre. Ayckbourn's play *Henceforward*, in which McKellen plays an electronic composer, previews from Wednesday at the Vaudeville. Is the move a sign of the times, now that subsidy is increasingly giving way to sponsorship? PETER LEWIS listened as the two men talked about the increasing changes in theatrical finance

AYCKBOURN: I joined the National Theatre because they asked me to lead a group of actors, just as I do at our Library Theatre in Scarborough. It is very difficult to bond together a total of about 120 actors, half of whom don't know the other half's names. Some, especially those in the middle ranks, lack a sense of identity.

McKELLEN: In our group, Edward Petherbridge and I were trying to reduce the impact of the concrete and the anonymity of the place at the level which counts, which is getting the play on. When you are working there, you seldom even see the work of your fellow actors, because you're never off when they're on. I never managed to see your play, *A Small Family Business*, though I heard it over the Tannoy.

AYCKBOURN: You imagine from outside that the National Theatre is a homogenous group of people all meeting together in the joint pursuit of excellence, but it's not like that. Although our time there overlapped, Ian and I only waved at each other across crowded rooms. Commercial theatre seems quit cosy afterwards.

McKELLEN: The joy of it is that day by day we get to know each other and the play better. I look forward to six months of discovering the delights of the play with no fear of boredom — but that's because it's a very good play.

AYCKBOURN: On the other hand it is the first play of mine for several years which is practical for a commercial management to put on. The National extended me as a writer by giving me a bigger canvas to work on, casts of 13 or 16, without having to glance nervously over my shoulder at the box office.

People think of me as a commercial theatre playwright but I owe my progress as a dramatist entirely to the subsidized sector. My plays have always first been done at Scarborough. *The Norman Conquests* would never have been put on commercially — indeed managements turned it down. So I put it away in a drawer until a subsidized theatre, at Greenwich, stuck its neck out.

McKELLEN: All the shows I've done in the West End except one have been transfers from the subsidized theatre. Nowadays, the commercial theatre couldn't survive without them. But don't forget that every play you see in a subsidized theatre is also being subsidized by the actors and stage staff who are doing it for much less than the market rate.

AYCKBOURN: When I engage actors at Scarborough, most of them say they can only afford to stay there for six months. Afterwards they say: "Thank you, I really felt like an actor this summer, but now I've got to get back." And off they go to do television bits and bobs which pay much better. To my surprise, when I got to the National they were still saying they couldn't afford to work there for more than six months. And even in the West End there's a reluctance to commit themselves to more.

McKELLEN: We're lucky that we can earn enough commercially to be able to afford to go back to work in the subsidized theatre.

AYCKBOURN: If it's still there. The funding problem gets worse and worse. At Scarborough we're told to help ourselves by getting local sponsorship but what can we offer? We have 300 seats and a show runs for four weeks. There's no national publicity in it. I spend a lot of time getting local firms to give us money but they won't commit themselves beyond this year. Next year, they may think it's time they supported the cricket club.

McKELLEN: It's no answer to say that there isn't enough money raised from private sources. There's never going to be! What is this moral responsibility that big firms have for the arts? They pay their taxes. The responsibility is the nation's. It's an ignorant assumption that if theatre is good, it will pay for itself. This is historically untrue. The most famous Englishman who ever lived wrote plays and acted in them in a company patronized and subsidized by the Court.

AYCKBOURN: The other assumption I object to is that theatres are inefficiently run. We always deliver the product on time, which is more than you can say for much of British industry.

McKELLEN: If you look at America, you find they haven't the funds to run theatres which can train actors, writers and technicians.

AYCKBOURN: Relying on sponsorship also means choosing the sort of plays that attract sponsorship.

We couldn't get anyone to back *'Tis Pity She's a Whore* at the National to save our lives. Whereas the Arts Council wouldn't dream of saying, you ought not to do this or that. If we don't do the classics, people won't know what they are.

McKELLEN: And actors won't know how to perform them. Young actors are arriving at Stratford woefully untrained in Shakespeare because the Reps can't afford to do any.

AYCKBOURN: There are actors nowadays who don't know what an Iambic pentameter is. The classical training isn't there. They come out of drama schools and the nearest work available is improvised work on the fringe of grunts, ums and ers on TV.

AYCKBOURN: I'm not optimistic about the long-term future of places like Scarborough, which have to rely on three or four sponsors.

McKELLEN: The reason that theatre in our lifetime has been good is the system of subsidy and the Arts Council, with all its faults, which is the envy of theatre people throughout the world. That is the system which is now being altered, and not by people who have spent their lives in the theatre and know what they're talking about.

Richness in the Easter revolt

THEATRE

The Plough and the Stars
Lyric Theatre, Belfast

O'Casey set his Easter Rising play in four different Dublin locations: tenement apartment, public house, street corner and the attic room where, in shielding Nora, the pro-British Bessie Burgess is shot through the window by an English soldier — a shot, incidentally, that in this theatre bought a gasp of dismay louder than I can remember in any English production.

Bessie's death is the sombre master-stroke in O'Casey's multi-faceted portrayal of the miseries that fall haphazardly in war. With his exceptional dramatic feeling, he has let her character grow from bigotry not to its reverse, sympathy, but so as to include its reverse, a development subtly traced in Sheila McGibbon's performance.

The Polish director, Helena Kant-Howson gives her cast the duty of rearranging scenery between acts. In the opening tableau, armed members of the Citizen's Army watch from behind a corner of the scenery while women stare from steps and windows.

Giving the actors who play Clitheroe, Fluther, even the consumptive Mollser, the job of carrying in the chairs, moving walls and lighting the coffin candles, brings an extraordinary sense of a whole community existing behind and around the events foregrounded by O'Casey. By the time we reach the last act, British Tommies have largely taken their place, for they are occupying the streets outside, and it is two of them who are left alone on stage at the fiercely ironic end, joining in the chorus of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" while the flames from the GPO turn the window behind them red.

The play is also, of course, gorgeously funny, rocking back and forth between the absurd antics of the civilian onlookers — Fluther, Young, Covey, old Peter in his ostrich plumes — and the gasps of men dying on the same spot a few moments after.

The richness of this gallery of characters is lovingly brought out by the acting team, notably Mark Mulholland, Dan Gordon and John Hewitt playing the above named. The moment when Eleanor Methven's Nora can barely speak above a husky whisper for the anguish rising in her is most moving: as her wits unhinge she acquires a sort of mad, wild beauty.

Though it is idle to wonder what plays he might have written had he remained in Ireland after 1928 (the year Yeats rejected *The Silver Tassie* and O'Casey departed for England), it is appalling that we seldom or never see the plays he did write in the following three decades. The man's ideas, stagecraft, inventions and, yes, eventual crankiness, give him the right to be studied, even if only as a season of rehearsed readings in the Cottesloe or the Pit.

Jeremy Kingston

Miming for the radio

What is all this Dancing?
Almeida

The extension of silent pantomime into movement theatre that also accommodates speech has lately been winning new audiences for what used to be a cult entertainment.

As practised by the Complicité troupe in their season at the Almeida, it successfully combines precise physical skills with wider content in a richly enjoyable stylistic breakthrough. In the hands of their visitors — the Mime Theatre Project — it appears rather as a pretext for doing everything badly.

The joint creation of its three performers (Andrew Dawson, Oona Beeson, and Jozef Houben), *What is all the Dancing?* is a tongue-in-cheek melodrama whose ramshackle narrative and technical ineptitude make you doubt their credentials in transatlantic ballet and French pantomime.

The central story, of a triangular love chase coming to sticky end in a station bar, is framed between two scenes in a radio studio.

It is typical of this mindless exercise that it should pick a radio play as the target for visual satire. Even so, the studio scenes, making fun of the kind of primitive sound effects that went out with 2LO, are better value than the sight of the two men battling for possession of the girl with mops and a toy pistol.

As directed by Gavin Robertson, their energy goes mainly into achieving a homogenized spectacle of dance, movement, and spasmodic utterance. It seems a purposeless enterprise, as it obliterates narrative focus without offering any separate stylistic pleasures. Work of this kind lives or dies by precision: when, as here, it is never better than approximate, the performance comes over as an infantile game.

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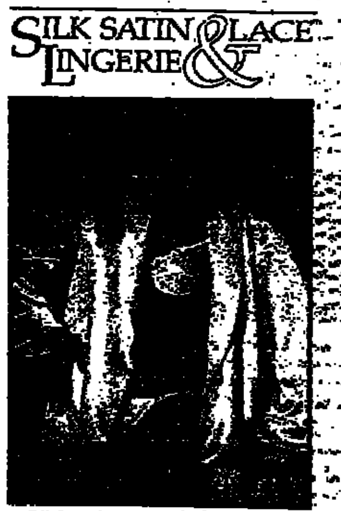

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THE ARTS

CONCERT

Romantic strength

Dumay/Howard
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Because Enrique Granados and Albéric Magnard died during the First World War (each in rather bizarre circumstances) their music qualifies for inclusion in the current "Armistice Festival". Neither Granados's piano suite *Goyescas* nor Magnard's Sonata for Violin and Piano is connected with the war, yet in a curious way these pieces say something about that terrible onslaught.

The expansive, eloquent confidence, apparent in both men's music, epitomized the late-Romantic style which dominated composition until 1914. Whether or not you believe the war changed everything, by 1918 this lush stylistic certainty was gone forever. *Goyescas* and the Magnard Sonata range widely in mood, but in neither work is there any trace of bitterness, sarcasm or neurosis.

The pianist Leslie Howard and violinist Augustin Dumay complement each other well. Both are superbly strong players, not afraid of occasional grandiloquence and each with the sort of big-boned technique that appears to sweep technical difficulties aside (and these works have plenty).

They also share a similar fault. Howard was less interesting in the gentler, lyrical movements of *Goyescas* — the celebrated, languid tenor-register melody in "La Maja y el Ruiseñor" for instance — than he was in the brilliantly cascading allegros, because of a slight lack of tonal variety. Dumay too, after initial intonation wobbles, soared with sweetness and passion through the more impulsive parts of the Magnard, but seemed unwilling to be delicate elsewhere.

He managed the stunning ending, however — an elegiac, highly emotive descent to the open G-string — with visionary intensity and flawless control.

Alban Berg Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

If it is possible to be too polished in performance, the Alban Berg Quartet has sometimes erred that way. Suaveness and precision occasionally did duty for spontaneous combustion, taking the edge off the performers' superbly coherent interpretations. But not on Thursday night, when they launched their complete Beethoven Quartet cycle with intense and absorbing readings of Op. 18, nos. 1 and 4, and Op. 131.

The customary strengths are still evident, but in this recital one also heard something much more dramatic, even dangerous at times. There was a mood of violence about the way the performers flung their bows at the dotted rhythms of Op. 131's finale — a satisfying release after the disciplined unfolding of the earlier Variations.

Most of the Beethoven recitals have a pleasant curtain-raiser, the Britten Quartet playing a contemporaneous piece in the Purcell Room. On Thursday it was Cherubini's String Quartet No. 1, an energetic little number with a magical Mendelssohn-like trio and many melodramatic unison passages in the *allegros*. The Britten Quartet does not have the Alban Berg's tonal resources, but projected this cheerful music with vigour and in good style.

Richard Morrison

Culture club shake-up

Brian Appleyard looks at the changes ahead in television arts and asks if the new wave of producers are up to them

At a fetid crush at the Groucho Club on Monday, *Arena*, the BBC2 arts series, celebrated its tenth anniversary. It did so with characteristic panache and with the confidence of the knowledge that its prime architect, Alan Yentob, had gone on to become controller of BBC2. But there was also the sense of a radically changing background: on the one hand *Arena* might be about to lose its place as the leading avant-garde arts programme and, on the other, the White Paper on broadcasting made clear the threat to the old cosy status quo of highbrow British television.

Television arts programmes are currently debated and fought over more than any other area of broadcasting. For years the pattern remained the same. London Weekend had Melvyn Bragg's *The South Bank Show*, the market leader; BBC1 had *Omnibus*; BBC2 a variety of attempts at book and review programmes; and Channel 4 a similar number of efforts to "cover the arts".

Now all is changing. *Omnibus* is being beefed up, with more money and an editor, Andrew Snell, poached from Bragg's team. It has already announced its new presence with the Prince Charles programme on architecture which drew an audience of six million. Channel 4 has launched *Signals*, an attempt, ordered by Michael Grade, to draw its arts documentaries under one title to prevent them being lost in the schedules. Clive James has started his highbrow interview show on BBC2 on Fridays and will soon start his lower brow show on Saturdays. And, finally, BBC2 will also start *The Late Show* four nights a week from January.

So far, the new, improved *Omnibus* is flying high, but *Signals* has attracted a deluge of adverse criticisms after a shaky start. The jury is out on Clive James. But the real tension is building up around *The Late Show* and its young creator, Michael Jackson. "It might take a while to get it precisely right," said Yentob at the *Arena* party.

The possibility of such a show has been discussed for at least five years within the BBC. Scattered attempts at arts and books programme formats have failed with, perhaps, the one exception of *Did You See?*, a television review show whose formula was then, unsuccessfully, expanded into a full arts show called *Saturday Review*. And the success of the old *Late Night Line-up* on BBC2 had convinced producers that there was a gap for a high grade magazine and discussion programme to follow *Newsnight*, now firmly fixed in its 10.30pm-11.15pm slot.

While at the BBC, it was Grade again who had forced the pace on these plans and various internal papers began circulating last year. It was, in fact, John Archer, producer of *Did You See?* and *Saturday Review* who came up with the title, but Archer has now left to join Holmes Associates, makers of *Signals*.

Jackson was brought in to do *The Late Show* on the strength of *The Media Show* on Channel 4. He represents an almost entirely new force in arts programming. The current mainstream tradition, represented by *The South Bank Show* and, in a more avant-garde form, *Arena*, is centred on the director. He crafts a film almost as a parallel creation to the art he is covering.

But Jackson springs from a background of media studies and wider interests than mere art. His interest is in television as a medium rather than as a creative tool for gifted individuals. "He has a completely new approach," said Anthony Wall, editor of *Arena*. "It centres on the producer or the editor rather than the director."

This focus tends to produce collages rather than crafted films and to pay little attention to the old formal categories of high art. It also tends to produce a fascination with America and its culture, a tendency which is regarded with some scepticism by other producers.

And, whatever the show finally looks like, the four nights a week strategy has already produced irritation within the BBC. Regular weekly specialized programmes such as *Did You See?* will be abandoned as all arts and media coverage is scooped up by *The Late Show*. Producers feel this will lose viewers who will have no idea what, from night to night, is going to be covered.

Furthermore, it is felt that Jackson may simply be heading for a kind of low ratings ghetto. The audience of *Newsnight* hovers around 500,000 and, given the lateness of the hour, this could mean only about 300,000 hanging on for *The Late Show*. Such low ratings could produce pressure, almost from day one, to go for glamour and straight entertainment.

Much will depend on the faces of the chosen presenters. So far only Sarah Dunant is certain. The novelist Howard Jacobson is a possibility, but his performance on the Booker Prize night programme was widely felt to be verging on the sour.

But the investment — financial, intellectual and egotistical — in the programme is enormous. *The South Bank Show's* ascendancy has long rankled at the BBC, Yentob is determined to put his own cultural stamp on BBC2 and Jackson has everything to prove.

And, on a wider stage, the current television establishment has something to prove. Arts programmes are precisely the kind of product that, say defenders of the regulated faith such as Yentob and, indeed, Clive James, would be threatened by deregulation. All of these shows are self-consciously representative of the best, the most creative and respectable that British television can produce. If they fail, the case for regulation is implicitly weakened.

The problem is that the record is not as good as arts producers tend to think it is. *The South Bank Show* has held firmly on to its niche in the commercial sector and appears to have been guaranteed by LWT until the next franchise renewal, but, that apart, television does not have a comfortable week-to-week relationship with the arts.

One reason is that arts programmes only end up celebrating what they cover. Bragg's show works on the basis that they are not going to make an hour-long, expensive film about an artist and conclude he is no good. And magazine and review-type programmes have never been able to adopt a proper critical stance. In part this is because of the artists, for some reason, cannot take television criticism. And, in part, because television audiences expect programmes to be unquestioningly celebratory.

The effect is to make television coverage of the arts seem incomplete — a continuing public relations exercise which pays no attention to what people say and think. This may produce excellence, but it can also produce blandness. Producers know this but none has yet solved the problem.

Jackson, Bragg, Roger Graef of *Signals*, Snell, James and Yentob are the current wave of mandarins entrusted with the task of proving that British television can cover culture convincingly.

"In this room are the best arts producers in the world," said one awestuck observer at the *Arena* party. Prove it.

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Michael McDonald talks to **Barney Hoskyns** about his music

LA's hi-tech soul singer

The preview in Thursday's *Independent* said it all: "Placid white soul-funker, conservative stuff even by Los Angeles standards." You could not hope to find a more typically snooty London dismissal of Michael McDonald, greying and slightly paunchy product of LA's amorphous session world — one guaranteed, moreover, to boil the blood of the many British fans who believe he is one of the great singer-songwriters of our time.

He is a fascinating anomaly, this gentle Irish-American, born 37 years ago in St Louis, Missouri. His birthplace exposed him to the Midwest rhythm'n'blues of Ike and Tina Turner, yet by the early *1970s* he was in LA singing backing vocals for the likes of David Cassidy. A decade later he was working with black legends like Quincy Jones and Patti Labelle, but not before a long stint in that archetypal LA rock band the Doobie Brothers.

What is he then? Soul devotees — even while wishing he did not look *quite* so like Kenny Rogers — grant him an honorary place in the American black music fraternity, but it is less clearcut than that. Rick Astley would give his eye-teeth to be McDonald, but the latter's feelings would probably be less than mutual. If his voice is one of the most yearningly emotive instruments in contemporary pop, it is not exactly black. And if his songs show a command of R & B grooves and jazz-inflected melody that towers over most black writers, they are never purely soul music.

Add a basic AOR radio edge, add the legacy of singing back-up for a year or so with the hugely respected and influential Steely Dan, the collaborative (and definitely Californian) influences of co-writers from Kenny Loggins to Carole Bayer-Sager, and you get a little closer to what he is about.

"I feel shy about accepting the term soul singer," he confesses ruefully. "I think I'm a good singer, but sometimes when I get up there with naturally brilliant black singers it's pretty humbling. For a long time, I thought of myself as a piano player/singer rather than as a singer *per se*, and in the back of my mind I always had the romantic idea of being a songwriter first."

His best work, written with people like boyhood pal and fellow R & B fanatic Chuck Sabatino, fuses the heart-stopping emotion of Sixties soul with the hi-tech sheen of Eighties rock.

Most remarkably, given his daunting reputation among soul lovers and fellow musicians, he has only made two solo albums since the demise of the Doobies. The first, *If That's What It Takes* (1982), sounded like Steely Dan Play Soul and spawned a big American hit in the funkily anguished "I Keep Forgettin'."

***No Lookin' Back*, in 1985, flowed more insidiously into the rock mainstream but boasted at least three soul-rooted masterworks in "By Heart", "Our Love", and "Any Foolish Thing". A *Best Of . . .* compilation released at the beginning of 1987 made up for the absence of new material, featuring his sublime duets with James Ingram (the dance-floor gospel opus "Yah Mo B There") and Patti Labelle (the Burt Bacharach production "On My Own"), together with another big hit "Sweet Freedom" and his old Doobies classic "What A Fool Believes", still one of the better recent "greatest hits" collections.**

Confidence has returned with the beginning of his recovery from drug addiction. "I find it harder to write now, but I think I'm a better writer. When I finally wrestle an idea to the ground I'm better prepared to craft the song, but the real spontaneous part of it, when you have three or four ideas going at once, I don't have that luxury these days."

Last year he felt a renewed burst of energy and played three electrifying shows at Hammersmith Odeon. He is back with more or less the same band for two more shows this weekend and looks like ageing — and greying — ever more soulfully.

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

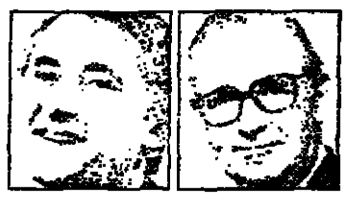
Critical imitation

Ruskin inadvertently created a *cause célèbre* when he attacked Whistler for throwing a paint pot in the face of the public, but I suspect that Ruskin's self appointed clone Peter Fuller is more calculating. Fuller, who identifies with Ruskin so closely that he even called his new magazine *Modern Painters*, after Ruskin's, recently rubbished *Art and Design*, a rival magazine, and drew a silly comparison between it and *Sunday Sport*. He has now received a solicitor's letter asking for damages from its publisher Andreas Papadakis. If I had been Papadakis, I don't think I would have risen to the bait.

Willing to dance

George Ballanchine was not the only choreographer to leave the ownership of his ballets to his close friends. Frederick Ashton made similar arrangements and when probate is settled on his will next month, "close friends and collaborators" — to include Anthony Dowell and Margot Fonteyn — will be named as beneficiaries.

● The former Liberal leader David Steel wishes to scotch the rumour that he will be appointed to wind up the IBA when Lord Thomson leaves in December. He is writing his memoirs and has no time for other commitments. I would not have thought that winding up the IBA involved any commitment.



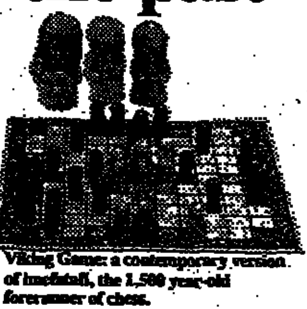
David Steel and Lord Thomson

Dying for their art

According to a new exhibition at the Oxford Museum of Modern Art of artists who died in the First World War, more artists from Germany were killed in the trenches than from any other natio. It is unclear, however, whether this is because more German artists went to war or because other countries, Britain included, refused to send artists to the front. Does that mean that Germany was more respectful of its artists' liberty or less concerned for their welfare? And was Britain more protective or — in the tradition which ensnared Peter Wright — just less open?

● The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is about to file a suit which should send a shiver through all advocates of access broadcasting. The Ku Klux Klan says its freedom of speech was denied last spring when the state of Kansas found that the only way to stop the organisation claiming a share of air-time was by rewriting the franchise of a local cable TV company. The ACLU, which dislikes acting for the Klan but dislikes constitutional injustice even more, agrees.

Stephen Games



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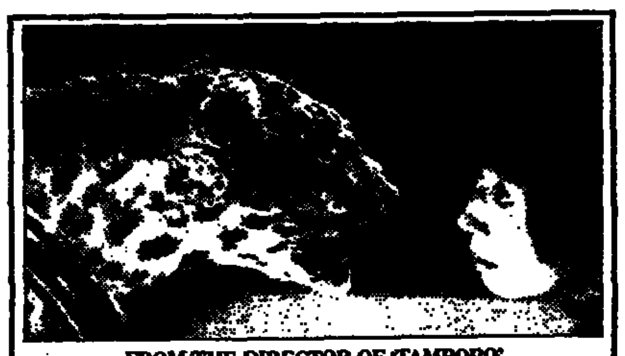

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Sunday 13 Nov NB starting time 4 pm	BEAUX ARTS TRIO. Schubert — Mendelssohn. Haydn: Piano Trio in C Hob XV:27; Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in D minor Op 49; Schubert: Piano Trio in B flat D898 ALL SEATS SOLD (Returns only) HoM
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Tuesday 15 Nov 7.30 pm	ANDRAS SCHIFF piano. LUCY SHELTON soprano. London Pianoforte Series. Kurtág: The Sayings of Peter Bornemisza — Concerto for Soprano and Piano Op 7; Beethoven: Sonata No 29 in B flat Op 106 "Hammerklavier". £8, £7, £6, £5 HoM/Terry Harrison Artists Mgt.
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Friday 18 Nov 7.30 pm	TOKYO QUARTET. Schubert — Mendelssohn. Schubert: String Quartet No 3 in C D32; Bartók: Quartet No 2 (1915-17). Schubert: Quartet No 14 in D minor D810 "Death and the Maiden". £8, £7, £6, £5 HoM Intermusica
Saturday 19 Nov 7.30 pm	ELLY AMELING soprano/RUDOLF JANSEN piano. Song Recital Series. SCHUBERT: 9 Songs, MENDELSSOHN: 7 Songs; LISZT: 3 Songs. ALL SEATS SOLD (Returns only) HoM
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Sunday 20 Nov NB starting time: 4 pm	JOSEPH SWENSEN violin JEFFREY KAHANE piano Schubert: Sonata in A D574, Sonata in A minor D385, Fantasie in C D934 £6, £5, £4, £3
Monday 21 Nov 7.30 pm	SOPHIE ROLLAND cello CLIFFORD BENSON piano. Bach: Sonata in G minor BWV1029, Hindemith: Sonata Op. 11 No. 3, Beethoven: Sonata in A Op. 69; Barber: Sonata Op. 6 £6, £5, £4, £3 Jane Gray
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Friday 25 Nov 7.30 pm	MIKHAIL PLETNEV piano. London Pianoforte Series. Haydn: Variations in F minor HXVII:6, Sonata in C minor HXVI:20, Sonata in C HXVI:50; Beethoven: Sonata in E flat Op. 81a "Les Adieux"; Sonata in F minor Op. 57 "Appassionata" £8, £7, £6, £5 Ibbs & Tillett Ltd

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Monday 14 Nov 7.30 pm	LONDON SOLOISTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. David Josefowitz. Ilona Ruhemann, Amanda Hollins, Andrew Knights, Charles Sewart, Janice Graham, David Starer. JS Bach: Brandenburg No 4; Suite No 2. Concertos for Oboe d'amore, 2 Violins, Harpsichord. £7.50, £6.50, £5, £3.50 (concs £3.50)
Wednesday 16 Nov 7.30 pm	THE TALLIS SCHOLARS. Peter Phillips conductor The Western Wynde Masses. Taverner: Dum Transisset, Mass Western Wynde; Audivi, Christe Jesu Pastor Bone; Mater Christi, Gaude Plurimum. Cornysh: Salve Regina; Ave Maria £7, £5, £3.50
Thursday 17 Nov 7 pm	TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Bernard Keeffe conductor Claire Henry soprano Philip Whelan clarinet. Berlioz: Overture "Benvenuto Cellini". Ravel: Shéhérazade. Debussy: Premiere Rhapsodie. Roussel: 3rd Symphony. Dutilleux: Timbres, Espaces Mouvements Admission Free
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ROCK

Chaka Khan: C.K. (Warner Bros WX 124)
Roberta Flack: Oasis (Atlantic WX 229)
Nanci Griffith: One Fair Summer Evening (MCA MCF 3435)
Jungle Brothers: Straight Out Of The Jungle (Gee Street GEEA 001)
The Jeff Healey Band: See The Light (Arista 409 441)
Joe Ely: Dig All Night (Demon FIEND 130)

In a career distinguished by the gloriously ebullient and earthy quality of both her voice and her personality, Chaka Khan's taste in choosing material has been inconsistent at best. While her problems are not altogether behind her, **C.K.** is a more vibrant and adventurous album than one might expect, even if it does start with a thumping electro-funk version of Stevie Wonder's by now thoroughly hackneyed standard "Signed Sealed Delivered I'm Yours" (complete with a harmonica part played by Wonder himself).

She has assembled a weighty supporting cast and contributions from George Benson, Marcus Miller, Steve Ferrone and Bobby McFerrin (a lovely scat "solo" in "Soul Talkin' ") keep the mood buoyant and steer the album in a refreshingly jazzy direction. At the heart of the matter are two tracks written by Prince, "Eternity" and "Sticky Wicked", the latter a typically suggestive, fragile funk-up which features Prince playing most of the instruments, abetted by the unmistakable, sketchy trumpet sound of Miles Davis.

Although less pronounced here, Khan's problem is that she often seems to be breaking out in all directions at once, not an accusation which could be levelled against the disarmingly direct and contained Roberta Flack. The songs on **Oasis** pursue one emotional theme with a pure and gently aching candour.

"Heartbreak is someone I recognize", she sings with a sigh of resignation on "Uh-Uh Ooh-Ooh Look Out (Here it Comes)". Like a compass needle returning towards due north her mellifluous voice unfailingly comes to rest on lyrics which depict with quiet clarity the joys and sadnesses of falling in and out of love. Never harsh or strident, she turns in a succession of spotless performances which keep the tone gracefully light and sprightly. Marcus Miller and Steve Ferrone pop up again, together with session giants like Steve Gadd and Greg Phillinganes. The underlying impression is one of musically still waters which nevertheless run warm and deep.

Between songs on her live album, **One Fair Summer Evening**, Nanci Griffith chatters away to an audience of boisterously fawning admirers in an accent that sounds like a hick Texan equivalent of Billy Bragg's London prolespeak. Unlike Bragg, Griffith has a better than decent singing voice to compensate, and keeps the melodic interest up as, accompanied by her own acoustic guitar together with the discreet bass, keyboard and backing vocals which comprise the Blue Moon Orchestra, she works her way through 12 of her most popular songs, recorded in performance at the Anderson Fair club in Houston.

Although the rather sinister "From a Distance" sounds like the kind of quasi-mystical nonsense which the Carpenters used to purvey, she achieves a folksy, good old girl resonance on numbers like "Once in a Very Blue Moon", "Love at the Five and Dime" and "Trouble in the Fields". This provides a timely opportunity for those enchanted by her recent *Little Love Affairs* collection to backtrack on the best of Griffith's earlier repertoire.

Now for the good stuff. Jungle Brothers cut and fade their musical samples with an uncanny style and wit on **Straight Out Of The Jungle**, although curiously, their recent acid hip hop hit, "I'll House You", is, by a long way, the least rhythmically interesting track on this set.

The title piece, like many of the others, is underpinned by a grainy, very old, funk drum backbeat, doubtless of a James Brown vintage, on top of which snatches of Grandmaster Flash's "The Message", an African chant and other bits and pieces are imaginatively pasted. An amusing collage of absurd ape noises makes up "Sounds of the Safari", at once tugging at the listener's elbow and underlining the posse's genial sense of humour. This is a fun, generally non-aggressive yin to Public Enemy's increasingly gross yang.

Jeff Healey is a blind 22-year-old Canadian who writes and sings with bluesy conviction, plays the guitar across his lap, and conjures a synthesis of styles which encompasses most developments in high voltage blues guitar playing from Clapton circa John Mayall's Bluesbreakers to Robert Cray. His searing yet soulful approach has already earned generous plaudits from the likes of BB King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. If it sounds too good to be true, beg, steal, borrow or indeed buy a copy of the oddly titled **See The Light**, the debut album by the three-piece Jeff Healey Band.

The tracks that provide an instant reference point are Freddie King's "Hideaway", very similar in style and spirit to Clapton's *Bluesbreakers* version, and ZZ Top's languorous "Blue Jean Blues". Originals like "Confidence Man" and "My Little Girl" resonate with intelligent nods in the direction of soul, while "Don't Let Your Chance Go By" is more or less a head-on boogie. The title track is a convincing Hendrix-style *tour de force* on the wah-wah pedal.

The one complaint is that the album seems to be more of an unrepentantly retrospective exercise than it really is, which may have something to do with the needlessly old-fashioned, bar-band sound of the production. It is a brilliant début nevertheless and with a little tightening at the corners Healey could be in the running for major honours.

Joe Ely employs much the same musical vocabulary as Jeff Healey, but sounds more like a man with at least half an ear cocked towards the present. **Dig All Night** is another classic collection of motoring rock'n'roll, whipped along by David Grissom's epic guitar playing, seasoned with the merest hint of country and gilded with Ely's sharply observed Southern-boy lyrics.

David Sinclair

ALLAN TITMUSS

Refreshing assortment of sound: Chaka Khan assembles a weighty supporting cast and lets rip

Discreetly underpinned

CLASSICAL

Bach: English Suites András Schiff. Decca 421 640-2 (2 CDs)
Bach: Works for Lute, Vols 1&2 Göran Söllscher. DG 410 643-2, 413 719-2
Bartók: Six String Quartets Emerson String Quartet. DG 423 657-2 (2 CDs)
Bartók: Bluebeard's Castle Ludwig/Berry/LSO/Kertesz. Decca 414 167-2

Bach at his best: music to soothe and calm after a stressful day

Neither András Schiff at his piano nor Göran Söllscher with his guitar will, I daresay, please the purists. Yet there is nothing particularly pure about an era in which music was frequently written with a pragmatic and unashamedly versatile skill for a choice of instruments, and in which arrangements and transcriptions abounded.

Although the great Preludes of Bach's English Suites for — shall we say — keyboard, lent themselves in form and dynamic structure to the contrasting twin manuals of the harpsichord, Schiff proves, without a shadow of a doubt, that the player's the thing. In the Prelude to the Second Suite, he carves out sharp and changing contours within its relentless moto perpetuo. Its still centre is handled as delicately as if the piano's hammers were, indeed, the quills of a harpsichord; yet for the broad and richly sustained Prelude of the Sixth Suite, the grandest and most grave of them all, the piano strings' full resonance is exploited.

These are performances which work on the ear with a subtly curative effect: I guarantee their efficacy at the end of a stressful day. Schiff makes the Courantes bubble and spring with ornament, the Bourrées buoyant with complex counter-rhythms.

No information about Schiff's sweet-toned piano is given, alas, in the accompanying leaflet. But we are told that Göran Söllscher had an 11-string guitar specially made for his performances of Bach's music for lute. The idea was that the six upper strings would correspond to those of the alto lute, and the remaining five to those of the bass lute: the longer fingerboard, meanwhile, would give him the great agility needed for some of the trickier transcriptions.

For the lute was a dying breed in Bach's day. Commentators are left flailing about, suggesting that, as this one was written in keyboard notation, perhaps the composer merely had the sound of the lute in mind; or that yet another was written for the Lautenclavicymbel, a keyboard instrument strung with gut, and begging for illustration by Edward Lear.

The performances themselves are, thank goodness, rather more convincing. Söllscher seizes on the Suite in G minor, BMV 995 (originally written for cello) and uses robust fingerwork to support its long, single lines. He touches in most discreetly the bass underpinning of the slow, dropping notes of one of the most haunting Sarabandes Bach ever wrote.

For the *Prelude, Fugue and Allegro*, Söllscher's easy pace and free gait liberates the sweetness of the Prelude's wide-spaced figuration, and allows the Fugue to tiptoe its way into being. The BMV 996 Suite is only rarely played on the lute because of the complicated and deliberate "mistuning" of the strings from movement to movement: Söllscher approaches it with delicate poise, each chord gently and firmly placed, each ornament dissolving into silence, each dynamic extreme tuned to each shifting register.

The performances, collated from LP recordings made during their decade, are transferred to CD in a characteristically close recording, but one which minimizes squeak and slide, and maximises the instrument's fullness and purity of timbre.

A similarly warm, tactile and assiduously balanced recording is provided for DG's latest quartet protégés, the Emerson Quartet. I have not responded over-kindly to their live performances of the classical repertoire: but their Bartók, on which they have been working since 1979, is certainly well under their skin.

These are exciting, immediate performances, as full-hearted and energetic as those of the Lindsays, and as disciplined — if not yet as mature — as those of the Berg.

In the tremulous vibrato and warm chromaticism of the First Quartet, the Emerson recall more Kodály's comment on the work as a "return to life" rather than Bartók's own description of it as "my funeral dirge". Yet they resist any temptation to overblow the restrained lyricism of the last, sensing out its nervous instincts, and finding just the right acerbic tone of voice for its Burletta; though here their tendency to rhythmic over-ease does blunt one or two of its sharper edges.

The Second Quartet, in which the Emerson are most entirely at ease, was written just two months before the premiere of Bartok's gripping stage-work, *Bluebeard's Castle*. Istvan Kertesz's classic 1966 performance of the work, recorded seven years before his own premature death, is now available on CD, with the disturbing, nervous energy of Walter Berry's Bluebeard and the desperate and unrelenting vulnerability of Christa Ludwig's Judith as painfully fresh-minted as ever.

Hilary Finch

Consigned to sleeve notes

JAZZ

Charlie Parker: Bird (CBS 461002)

Everyone agrees that Clint Eastwood's *Bird* is a biopic of unusual sensitivity, achieved in the face of considerable odds. The plaudits he has received are a just reward for an honest and selfless attempt to elevate the reputation of one of America's bona fide musical geniuses to something approaching its proper level.

Why, then, has Eastwood also perpetrated an "original motion picture soundtrack" album which sets an artistic precedent so dangerous that its consequences can scarcely be imagined?

Anyone who has read the acres of publicity preceding the release of the movie later this month will know about the unusual circumstances in which Parker's music was recreated for the benefit of celluloid. In the belief that the technical quality of the original recordings was not up to scratch, Eastwood invited Lennie Niehaus to supervise the process by which Parker's alto saxophone was electronically isolated and then reset in backings freshly recorded by contemporary musicians.

Niehaus, a brilliant saxophonist and arranger whose recordings from the Fifties are among the lasting treasures of the West Coast movement, is certainly as devout as Eastwood in his admiration of Parker. By hiring a selection of distinguished musicians (including the pianist Walter Davis Jr and the bassists Ron Carter and Ray Brown), he has certainly ensured that the new backings are idiomatically as correct as possible.

But that is not the point. The point is not to do with artistic verisimilitude, but common morality, and it is twofold.

First, jazz is a music primarily characterized by spontaneous interpersonal reactions from which all its qualities (warmth, swing, emotional directness) are derived: to counterfeit that process is to utter a lie.

Second, and more important, has anyone given a thought to the musicians whose original creativity made these recordings possible, yet who now have now been cast — as far as those whose only contact with Charlie Parker is the soundtrack of *Bird* are concerned — into the dustbin of history?

In an unfortunate but telling phrase from Leonard Feather's sleeve note, describing the electronic erasure of the original backgrounds, a reference is made to "unwanted frequencies". It needs to be pointed out that these "unwanted frequencies" include the playing of Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Lewis and Max Roach — each of them a great architect of modern jazz, whose work has influenced succeeding generations.

I think that when I have heard someone casually dismiss the sound of Miles Davis's trumpet as an "unwanted frequency", I have heard everything.

Yet even if we were talking about Fred Bloggs and John Doe rather than Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie, the point would be the same. Parker made these recordings with particular individuals; had they been with other people, the results would have been different. No one has the right to remove their presence.

Oh, perhaps there is some validity in the argument that the film's technical demands required some sort of surgery. But why release the result on an album? Why mislead anyone into listening to this faked "Ko Ko", this unreal "Parker's Mood", rather than the immortal originals?

The same sort of thing is happening in pop music, as Marcus Berkmann pointed out apropos of Bill Withers and the Four Tops in a perceptive *Spectator* piece recently.

The technology is simply getting out of hand, and it ought to be stopped now.

Richard Williams

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VALUABLE PRINTED BOOKS: Scientific and medical tomes are the specialty of this sale, with a two-part work by the French 18th-century medic Jacques Fabian, including 20 life-size colour plates, as the expected top lot at £15,000-20,000. A few works of English literature are thrown in too: an American first edition of *Alice in Wonderland* at £2,000-3,000.
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Cavendish Hotel, Jermyn Street, London SW1 (01-930 2111). Wed, 10.30am.

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Jenny Gilbert

The French have the words for it

"I can imagine," said the owner, "what you'll say about this — that it's an altered piece, because the drawer-front has been hinged at the bottom to make it into a writing leaf. And no doubt the shelves with their funny little brass bits holding them up have been added. But I don't care. I happen to like it."

"And so you should," said the valuer. *"It's a very good Regency rosewood* bonheur-du-jour, *made about 1810, and it hasn't been altered in any way. There was one very like it in a Christie's sale last year that sold for £8,200."*

"Really? Aunt Eulalie must be spinning in her grave from sheer euphoria. She used to call it her French what-not. Claimed it had something to do with Dame Margot Fonteyn and a chap called Percy."

"Perhaps she meant Percier and Fontaine, the designers who invented the term 'interior decoration' and created the Empire style for Napoleon. Many Regency pieces resemble it, and your bonheur-du-jour, *though unmistakably English, is a little like some of the furniture they dreamed up for the Empress Josephine at Malmaison."*

"Bonheur-du-jour" means 'luck of the day', doesn't it? Eight thousand pounds! Certainly it's my lucky day. But if it's English, why give it a French name?"

"French cabinet-makers first introduced it in the 1760s as a small writing table with shelves, and it immediately became highly fashionable, which was lucky for them. They adapted it to suit the succeeding changes of style, and the English took it up with equal success."

> Regency furniture makers were a cosmopolitan lot. The secrets of the Nile may lurk in English-made French what-not

"But why did we have to borrow from the French in 1810, when we were at war with Napoleon? Didn't we have any designers in England?"

"Plenty. Sheraton's later designs included quite a few in the Regency version of the neo-classical style, though some of them are a bit odd — he was going ga-ga at the time. Thomas Hope, an antiquarian and amateur architect, published designs in 1807 based on what was then known about Egyptian, Greek and Roman furniture. George Smith, a cabinet-maker, issued his collected designs — some classical, some Gothic Revival, some Chinese — in 1808. In 1809, Ackermann . . ."

"Quite so. But it all sounds rather cosmopolitan. Hardly patriotic."

"On the contrary, the Gothic style was called 'British', and sphinx heads, already in limited use on both French and English furniture before Napoleon's conquest of the Nile stimulated the fashion, appeared on a lot more English pieces after he was kicked out of Egypt. As a compliment to our navy, tables were carved with dolphin supports, and chairs with sabre-shaped legs, based on the Greek klismos, *had horizontal bars in the backs representing ships' ropes. A London firm that made them re-named its factory in honour of Nelson's final victory, and that type of chair is still known as Trafalgar."*

"Oh, good. I must tell Hugo. He can't bear too much French influence. Doesn't mind claret, so long as you don't call it Bordeaux, but wouldn't touch a Golden Delicious if it was handed to him personally by Eve. Tell me — what's *le mot* concerning brass inlay? I always thought it was *de rigueur* for Regency furniture, but there doesn't seem to be much on my *bonheur-du-jour*, unless you count those straight lines. Nothing French about them, I trust?"

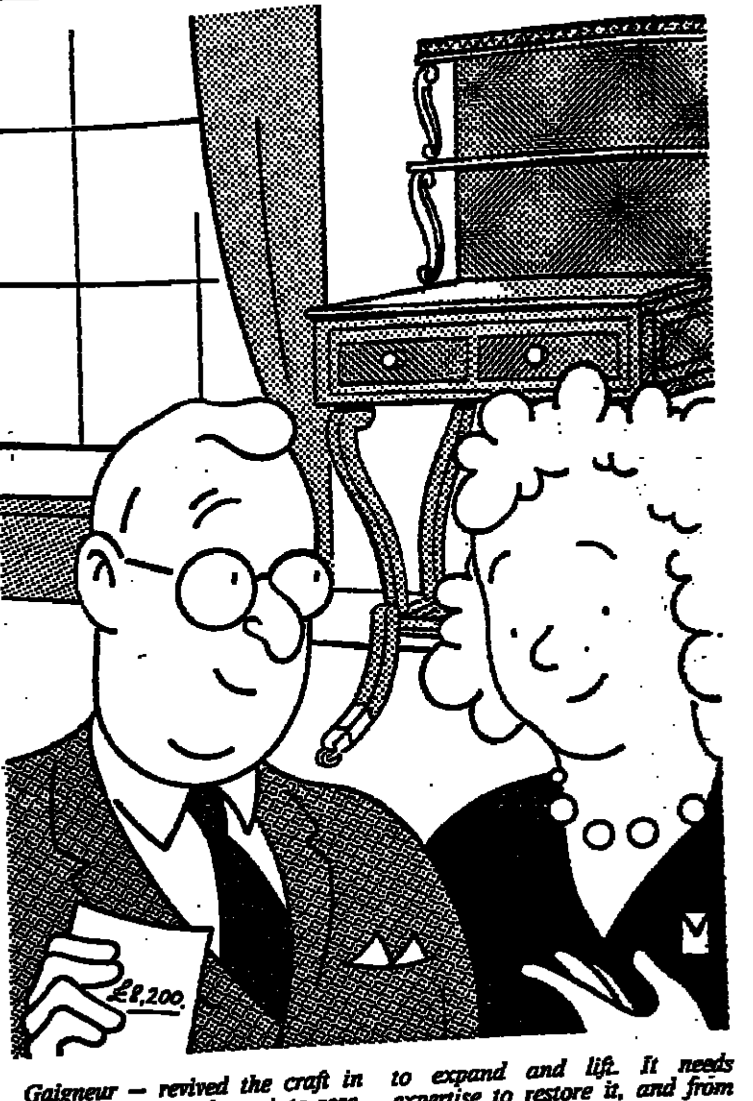
"Only a trace. They're an example of the technique at its simplest — using brass stringing to emphasize the line. Boulle inlaid metal into veneers of wood and turtleshell during the reign of Louis XIV, and it never went totally out of fashion until the Revolution. Refugee craftsmen — notably Louis le Gaigneur — revived the craft in London, inlaying brass into rosewood and mahogany rather than shell. But about 1815, elaborate fretted patterns were appearing on cabinet doors and table tops — the sort of thing that now brings high prices."

"Any frightful snags? Fakes? French fungus? Foot and furniture disease?"

"If there's a lack of humidity, central heating can cause the brass to expand and lift. It needs expertise to restore it, and from there, a cottage industry has grown up, devoted to inlaying otherwise genuine but plain pieces with fancy brasswork to boost the price. So buy it only from very reputable people."

"I think I'd rather wait for another aunt to remember me kindly."

Peter Philp



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BOOKS

Food for Bunter's fans

Byron Rogers tucks into the life of the genius of Greyfriars, Frank Richards

Billy Bunter watched Harry Wharton gather up the various parcels Mrs. Mimble had made, in the fashion of a hungry dog casting covetous eyes at a bone.

With any luck this will be 1,000 words long. Machine-guns, when Frank Richards was a boy, fired 75 shots a minute, something he never quite managed on his Remington, not even in his pomp when he was averaging 50 words a minute. It would have taken him all of 20 minutes to write this review. The 18,000 words a day if pushed. The 80,000 words a week if not. He was the most prolific writer there has ever been, turning out the equivalent of 1,000 novels, so that the *Guinness Book of Records* was startled out of superlatives to make a joke: "He enjoyed the advantages of the use of electric light rather than candle-light, and of being unmarried."

This book is not a biography. Mary Cadogan calls it "a celebration of his life and works", only the life is over and done with in perhaps 5,000 words, an hour and a half to Frank on a good day. But then there was no life. The man wrote. And wrote and wrote and wrote. He wrote from nine o'clock to one, from three to six. When he had finished writing he read Horace in the original. Day after day, week after week, decade after decade, and the events of the 20th century were somewhere else, rising and falling like the keys of an automatic piano.

All that is known for certain about him is that he was born (in a terraced house in Ealing), grew up (at least physically) and went bald, owned several houses, loved gambling, wore indoors in old age a skull cap and a purple dressing gown all day long, smoked a pipe and had a cat. It is thought he may once have been engaged to a girl called Agnes, but briefly. Mary Cadogan does not mention that his father, a journalist, described himself as "a carpenter" on the boy's birth certificate. Evasion and fantasy ran in the family. Charles Hamilton (Frank Richards was one of 20 aliases) wrote an autobiography but in the third person (and as Frank Richards). He forgot to mention his childhood in this, though on another occasion he claimed it had been spent in Canada.

You may remember the kerfuffle at his death in 1961 when the press tried to establish where he had been educated, this man with more boarding schools in his books than Gabbitas and Thring. His sister, I think it was, said she wasn't sure but wherever it was it had been "a very good school". Mary Cadogan writes of various private schools in Ealing and Chiswick, while E. S. Turner in the *DNB* mentions church schools.

It was council school boys who read him, as Orwell noted, and as I read him, cosily at home, far from that lunatic world of bachelor schoolmasters and prefects and codes of honour. That was part of the joy of it. The rest was Bunter. Take Bunter out of the stories and there is not much left, as there is not much in *Henry IV* without Falstaff. Who cares what happens to Harry Wharton or Prince Hal, winners both? Bunter was on such a scale that as soon as he appeared, this braggart, coward, snob, liar, and glutton, everyone around him sank into a frieze of gentility. Except for Vernon-Smith perhaps, the Bounder, who smoked, drank (he came smashed out of his skull to Greyfriars), but was basically sound, unlike the monster Bunter, but, like him, on the outside of all that honour. Frank, having not done too well with his investments, made him a stockbroker's son. But you tend to remember the Bounder.

FRANK RICHARDS
By Mary Cadogan
Viking, £14.95

This is why Mary Cadogan's book is so fascinating, for it is a celebration of the works, allowing you to meet old friends in their strange beginnings (Bunter, she reveals, was just stupid to begin with), and in adventures you have never read. This amazing woman seems to have read the lot, and apologizes to the publishers for her delay in producing this book. All Frank's comic foreigners are here, to whom Orwell objected, prompting Frank to reply that foreigners WERE comic; they had no sense of humour. On a train Figgins of St Jim's meets an elderly Frenchman and is disgusted because the man is so immaculately dressed. But then he moves and Figgins hears a distinct creak. THE MAN IS WEARING CORSETS.

When real life intrudes into this world it is rather like a space probe. A boy called Skimpole, the school idiot (he wears specs), becomes "a real, giddy, red-hot Socialist". Gussy, he of the monocle and the top hat, turns "*suffwagist*" but is beaten up by the real suffragettes. Women in Frank Richards, while able to bring out the best in a chap, are also capable of anything. Real life seems to have been like a space probe in his own life as well. Ambling round Austria with his sister (but still posting home the 80,000 weekly words) he was overtaken by the First World War. An armed sentry was put outside his hotel door while Frank inside wrote about Greyfriars.

Of course the books are repetitive. As Mary Cadogan says, water is very important in them, for out of rivers boys can be rescued, heroic deeds accomplished, bullies reconciled. The working class intrudes about as rarely as in Malory's *Morte d'Arthur* and, again as in Malory, is violent and slightly absurd.

But I loved them at the time. They were funny, predictable (very important that) and, almost as important, had food in them. Oddly enough the classical imagery and similes, which I ignored then, do seem to have stayed irritatingly with me. What name *did* bloody Achilles take among the women? At the end of this book you ask yourself, how did he do it? How *could* he do it? In one of his rare comments Frank in old age said he had never experienced any strain in writing ("Sometimes it almost feels like writing to dictation"). So he was happy, blast him. He was also without doubts. "Joyce told a man once that he had made good progress that afternoon: he had written one sentence. After that it hardly needs a glance at his work to see that it is worthless."

Mary Cadogan calls him a phenomenon, this strange little man who wrote about a way of life he had never experienced and places he had never seen, and leaves it at that. There is some suggestion that, like many writers, he obscurely hoped for a rescue of some kind, but he had a trade, was good at it, and got on with it. He was a lucky man. In the year of his death, aged 85, he wrote a Bunter story in Latin for the *TES* ("cachinnat Bunterus"). He was ill for a few days and died in his sleep. It was, of course, Christmas Eve.

A latter-day female Philby

THRILLERS

Tim Heald

SPY BOOK
By Len Deighton
Hutchinson, £11.95

The new Deighton takes over, more or less, where the old trilogy, "Game, Set and Match" left off. As one particularly obnoxious hoodlum observes, "We wonder what's happening to you, Bernard baby." And we do, we do. For Bernie Samson is so vulnerable, so bloody-minded, and above all, so accident prone, that you can't help worrying about him.

The main accident and the one which gets this multi-volume juggernaut on the road is the defection of Bernie's high-flying wife from our side to theirs. Fiona is a latter-day Kim Philby. I have to admit that I find her preposterous because I can't envisage anyone called Fiona being a high-powered double — or is she a treble? — agent. But then you think of real life as evidenced by Blunt, Philby and gang and you have to ask who is being the more absurd — Deighton or God?

The action weaves around from London to Berlin, where I have to confess that old Frank with his Duke Ellington and his Scotch and his fastidiousness over dirty bath water in the drawing room is beginning to grow on me, too.

All in all I enjoyed this more than any Deighton in years. It seemed much cleaner and less convoluted than some of the recent books. If I have a quibble it would be that what pundits call "the Reichenbach stratagem" is dangerously close to a cop-out and should never be used more than once per book. But I must say no more or I'll give too much away. The Crime Writers' Association award their Gold Dagger next month. Deighton has yet to win one, unlike Ambler and Le Carré. This year, once more, he's failed to make the short list. Shame.

● **A Prospect of Vengeance**, by Anthony Price (Gollancz, £11.95). Anthony Price HAS won the Gold Dagger in the past, and is an extremely superior thriller writer and hack, being the recently retired editor of the *Oxford Times*. His running character is Dr David Audley, an ex-rugger-playing archaeologist and spook, and although he makes a peculiarly delayed appearance in this latest book his presence is pervasive from the moment our heroine asks, in italics, "Have you ever heard of a man named Audley?"

Regular readers have, of course, heard of Audley. He is a complex character and this is a complex book. Investigative journalists start worrying away at the 10-year-old mystery death of another spook by the name of Masson. He was supposed to have drowned at sea, but he is accidentally exhumed on dry land by some children indulging in some amateur archaeological excavation. It all ties in, sort of, with the gunning down of an IRA terrorist called "Mad Dog" O'Leary. Superior stuff, as always, but you do have to be on your best *Times* crossword puzzling form to catch all the references and nuances.

● **The Bearpit**, by Brian Freemantle (Constable, £11.95). Freemantle's usual running character is Charlie Muffin, but I couldn't find him here unless he's defected to the KGB and started calling himself Vasili or Alexandr. As you would expect from this acomplished ex-Fleet Street pro this is a high veneer, if ultimately unsurprising, KGB-CIA adventure involving bed, booze, broads, hit-and-run accidents, and astonishingly sensitive outdoor bugging devices.

● **Koko**, by Peter Straub (Viking, £12.95). Very long, quite absorbing tale of Vietnam vets, one of whose number flips and starts murdering people in Singapore. The corpses are mutilated and left with playing cards in their mouths. This is an authentic hardback nasty complete with what I think are drooling accounts of torture and snuff-sessions.

● **A Twist in the Tale**, by Jeffrey Archer (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95). The Literary Editor has drawn my attention to this collection of short stories which seem to me a characteristic addition to the Archer *oeuvre*, and certain to delight his many fans. There are 12 of them — the short stories, I mean.

Role call for princely virtues

Hugo Vickers

CHARLES
A Biography
By Anthony Holden
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95

CHARLES
By Alan Hamilton
Collins, £10.95

PRINCE CHARLES
A Study in Development
By Peter Lane
Robert Hale, £12.95

Alan Hamilton tells us that the Prince of Wales has become "withdrawn, to the extent that he will no longer agree to interviews with authors attempting a serious appraisal of his work". None of these authors was therefore granted any special help, though interestingly all three have approached the Prince and his work responsibly and sympathetically. Anthony Holden declares that he is "glad of the consequent freedom to be objective". His involvement with the Prince of Wales's story is more than a decade old, and it must not be forgotten that he was the author who first revealed the Prince as a solitary, thinking man (in his 1979 biography).

The widely held view that Holden is some kind of friend, and even confidant, of the Prince (one that Holden consistently denies) has nevertheless put him in an excellent position to receive important information from friends, colleagues and advisers. His new book is a work of considerable confidence and at the same time more outspoken than his earlier one. I am willingly convinced that this is as near the truth as we are ever likely to hear it. Holden has already covered the first 30 years succinctly in his previous book. Thus these are only lightly reviewed here. Interestingly neither of his rivals has come up with anything new or contradictory on that score. An accepted line has been agreed and having read three versions in one week I hope I don't have to read any more. For example, Prince Charles did not drink cherry brandy as an indication of incipient alcoholism, but to escape the Press; he worshipped Lord Mountbatten; found his father an admirable role model but not an easy man; and so on.

It is Holden's belief that the Prince has decided he would rather be remembered as an innovative Prince of Wales, since as King he will be hampered by constitutional restrictions. The Queen had already been on the throne for 15 years by the age of 40, so most of his active years will be as Prince. Then there is the example of the Duke of Windsor saying "Something must be done", and disappearing.

Prince Charles is determined to see results. His recent fluent appearance on the television has done his image a considerable amount of good. His dry sense of humour (seemingly dormant of late) was once again in evidence. Holden has done him a great service by explaining his involvement with the youth business schemes, the inner cities and the world of architecture. Above all the Prince is depicted not as a loony naturalist wandering aimlessly in the Kalahari desert, but as a man who has found his role and is busily putting his ideals into practice.

The sad feature of the narrative is how little support the Prince has received from his marriage. Lady Diana Spencer was a bride so perfect that it seemed impossible to have dreamed her up. But since the wedding some credence has been given to the cynical view that the Prince was the only man in London not in love with her. Holden presents a strong case for believing that the Princess has fallen in love with her camera image and cannot resist upstaging her husband at every opportunity. He now makes a point of leaving her behind if he has anything important to say lest his words are lost in a Press post-mortem about her hemline. I hope that she is more privately supportive of him than we are led to believe.

Holden decries the Press handling of the Waleses and certainly they would save themselves a lot of unnecessary innuendo if they occasionally appeared in the kind of loving photos that Prince and Princess Michael of Kent submitted to at Wimbledon after an ugly week of rumours in 1985. Holden leaves the Prince on an upward cycle, after a bad 1987 and the Klosters tragedy of earlier this year.

Holden's rivals are also thoughtful, well-meaning, and by and large well informed. Alan Hamilton's occasionally bemused style is most engaging and he adds eye-witness accounts of the Prince on tour from his travels as this paper's "estimable court correspondent" (Holden's words). Peter Lane's account, again thorough, is unfortunately let down by a number of howlers, the worst being the recurring mistaken identity of Mrs Parker-Bowles, who he believes was Lady Camilla Fane.

QUICK GUIDE

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Blackeyes, by Dennis Potter (Faber, £3.95) Clever *roman noire* cum literary thriller, in which elderly, has-been author steals his beautiful, fashion-model niece's life, embroidering it with his own quirky insights into a runaway best-seller.

Chatterton, by Peter Ackroyd (Abacus, £3.99) Shortlisted for last year's Booker, brilliant, funny, and intricate interleaving of lives and works of Thomas Chatterton, 18th-century wonderboy forger, the Victorian Henry Wallis who painted his suicide, and comic modern literary eccentrics on the trail.

Cuckoo, by Linda Anderson (Brandon, £3.95) Clever woman grows up, comes to terms with her sexuality, and makes sense of the bigotry and death of her bloody Ulster adolescence.

Fiddle City, by Dan Kavanagh (Penguin, £2.50) Runwaywise insider's sly and funny thriller set in Thiefrow (Heathrow) with customs men hot on trail of airport villains, and Duffy, a bisexual sleuth with a fridge called Colditz and a passion for Tupperware.

Masterworks of the French Cinema, introduced by John Weightman (Faber, £7.95) Screenplays of *The Italian Straw Hat, La Grande Illusion, La Ronde, & The Wages of Fear*. The best films are French.

The Campbell Companion, edited & introduced by Ulick O'Connor (Fontana, £3.50) Selection of best pieces by Patrick Campbell, the dear, stammering humorist's humorist.

The Cornelius Chronicles, 1 *The Final Programme & A Cure for Cancer, 2 the English Assassin & The Condition of Muzak*, by Michael Moorcock (Fontana, £4.95 each) Scifi saga of a modern myth character living in a fantasy world, a new Messiah who doesn't let himself be ruled by inevitability.

The Model, by Robert Aickman (Robinson, £2.95) Symbolic fantasy of young girl's journey across Czarist Russia in hope of becoming a ballerina, guided only by dreams and promises, and crossing a landscape filled with extraordinary characters and creatures.

NON-FICTION

More Home Life, by Alice Thomas Ellis (Flamingo, £3.95) Domestic goings-on and the vicissitudes of everyday life seen by the beadiest eyes and recorded by the wittiest, witchyest pen in weekly journalism.

A Dictionary of True Etymologies, by Adrian Room (Routledge, £8.95) Does salmonella come from eating tinned fish? What is the connection between Jerusalem and artichokes? Sound and witty wordsmith gives the true derivations of interesting words.

Critique of Cynical Reason, by Peter Sloterdijk, translated by Michael Eldred (Verso, £14.95) Cult classic of contemporary German pessimism and *Angst*, striking a chord with the young, published two centuries after Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*.

Hostage in Peking, by Anthony Grey (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.95) Harrowing and sensible account of 26 months of the occupational hazard of our foul age, life as a hostage.

Journey from Obscurity, by Harold Owen, abridged by Hilary Gornall, introduced by John Wain (Oxford, £5.95) Younger brother of Wilfred Owen writes autobiographical trilogy, family portrait valuable for its view of the future poet as elder brother.

Lost Diaries & Dead Letters, by Maurice Baring (Alan Sutton, £4.95) Dated (but lovely) pages from the Dead Letter Office reveal such matters as Queen Guinevere's agonies over the guest list for jousts, and Hamlet living it up at Balliol as the Varsity fencing match approaches.

The Enigmatic Edwardian, by James Lees-Milne (Sidgwick & Jackson, £8.95) The life of Reginald Brett, 2nd Viscount Esher, half a soldier, half a politician, half a diplomatist, half a man of letters, half a man of taste, all a man of enormous background influence.

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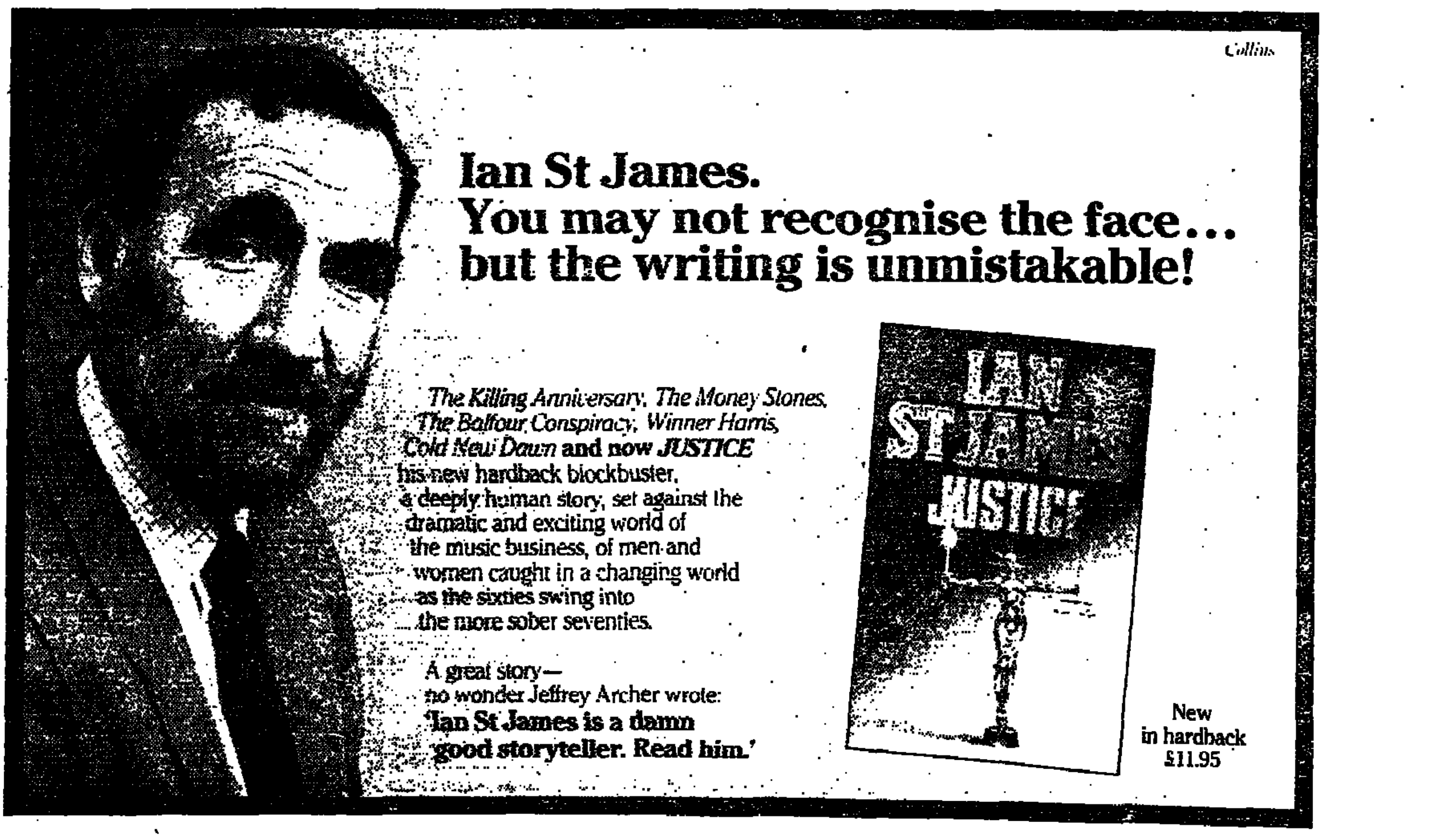
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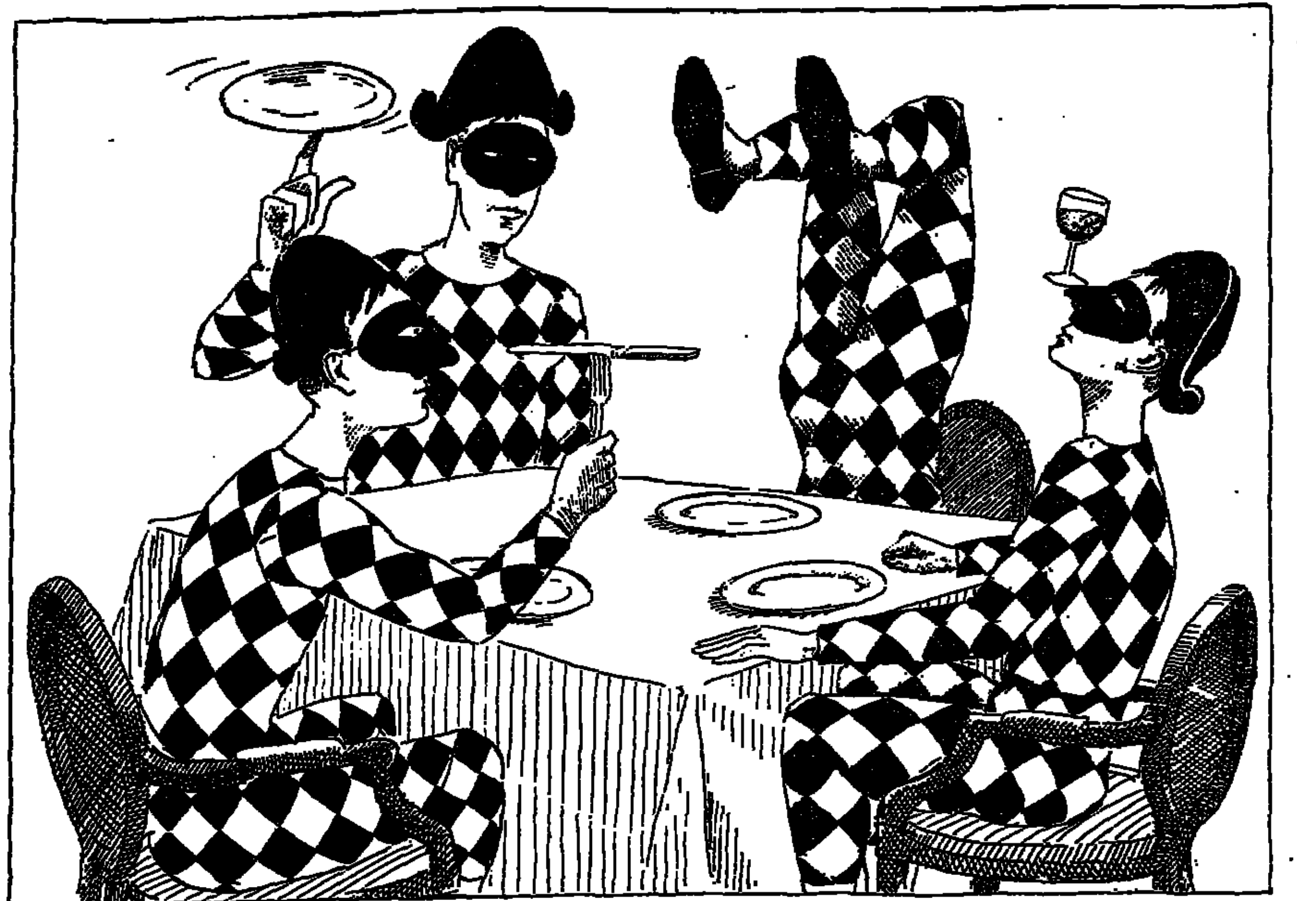
EATING OUT

Starry eyed in Battersea

Jonathan Meades revisits L'Arlequin, home of the king pin of chefs who has recently been elevated to the highest league of gastronomy


FRANCIS MOSLEY

It is a mischievous rumour, *with no foundation in philological fact*, that the words *egon ronay* mean "remedial writing" in Magyar. It would, of course, be small wonder if they did mean that, but they don't and that's all there is to it. Well, just about all, for the annual guides that bear this name do give the unerring impression that they have been wrought as some sort of exercise by very slow learners — *which wouldn't, I suppose*, much matter if those slow learners, doughty underachievers at that *lingo lark*, displayed some sort of taste in gastronomic affairs, or even a comprehensible consistency in their lack of taste. As it is *there's no steadfast gauge*, a failing which extends to their restaurant-of-the-year selections. *These often appear to* have been made by a blindfolded person with a pin. This year the pin has pricked the mint-green Battersea restaurant called *L'Arlequin*; so for the next 12 months its chef and owner, Christian Delteil, is king to the slow learners.

In view of what I've just said it must seem likely that I'm going to essay a regicide. Far from it, for the pin has by some happy fortuity pricked *the right guy: this is a formidably* talented cook, who has in the last couple of years *allied a real taste to his already* manifest technique.

Delteil is, evidently enough, a Frenchman, and from the south-west. *Chou* means many things in argot, most of them approbatory, affectionate — *mon petit chou* and *so on. There is not much* correspondence with unhappy English demotic uses of *cabbage*. This is a veg *that has* got a spot of respect in France, where no one ever had to suffer that terrible ammoniacal smell the stuff emits after two hours' cooking.

It's not just the English that had to suffer this malodour — *it's still assaulting noses all* across central and eastern Europe. There's a gag that goes *like this*: What do you call really good German cooking? You call it Alsatian cooking. The point being that Alsatians can take culinary formulae from across the Rhine and turn them into something special. And by that token, the further you go west across France the better such dishes will become. I don't know if Delteil's stuffed cabbage is founded in the eastern European and thus Alsatian tradition, or whether it's a version of some old Auvergnat or Quercyoise dish: either way *he acknowledges that it* comes from somewhere or sometime by billing it as *à l'ancienne*. He raises the mere stuffed cabbage to undreamed-of heights — he uses a small Savoy, interleaves its leaves with a mix of what is *probably* calf liver and pork (it is markedly, but sweetly and unaggressively, hepatic) and serves it with a tomato sauce thinned by good stock and pepped up by chives.

I've eaten this twice this year and I reckon — I *know* — that it's one of the finest confections in London. The fact that one can start a meal at L'Arlequin with a dish of *such brilliance and continue it* with no sense of disappointment suggests that this place is now something very special indeed. There are vestiges of the former stiffness — the (very good) bread is still served with fork and spoon, *the wine waiter still treats you* as though you're a student of *egon ronay* and assumes you *have a problem with reading* as well as with writing:

You: "Côte Rôtie."

Him: "It's red."

You: "I know. I *know* it's red. It says so even — *rouge*."

Him: "Yeah. Red."

This may have been prompted *by his knowledge* that I was going to eat fish and should thus obey the law — which makes more chromatic than gustatory sense — which deems that white wine "goes with" fish. But, against that: across the table we had ordered lamb; Delteil cooks *fish with red wine sauces*; at a lunch to celebrate his Egon Ronay award — I'm biting the *hand that fed* — he served a red Graves with lobster.

Delteil's utter professionalism is evinced by not only what is on the plate but his *absence from the dining room*. He *is* a chef. He does not play the chef. I guess that were he a *footballer, Brian or Jim would* say that he talks with his feet. I'll say that he talks with his stove.

His stove speaks oaths. What I mean is that this is very gutsy cooking, very potently flavoured, very con*fident; it eschews the timidity* and rule-book reserve it used to have. You get the feeling that *Delteil* has at *last* rid himself of the idea that someone is looking over his shoulder and that he can let himself go. He serves fresh, fried foie gras in massive portions with salad leaves bathed in walnut oil, a poached quail egg, diced tomato and slices of smoked goose ham whose fat infuses the salad and flavours the entire dish the way a goose is always happy to do.

Sea bass is given a strong and subtle coriander sauce and comes with buttery spinach — Delteil seems to have *actually thought about palatal* dissonance, he has allied brain and tongue and come up with the conclusion that the flesh of bass can cope with a strongly flavoured sauce provided that sauce is not jammy. I guess that this discovery might be attributed to the ubiquitous "oriental influence", but there is nothing overtly oriental about this dish, indeed *it* indicates the ability that truly gifted (ie mostly French) cooks have for assimilating alien notions.

There used here to be a dish of lamb cooked in a "salt crust"; the crust was broken at the table with a rather fussy ceremony. That rite of spring-lamb has now disappeared but the meat, which may or may *not be cooked by the same* means, is better than ever. It is served with a "tian" of trompettes de mort, chanterelles, spinach and tomatoes. Its sauce, like all Delteil's sauces, is thinnish, strong yet gentle — he is no fan of the Bovril school.

Cheeses represent a victory for cow over goat; the latter were not quite at their peak. The bread they are served with *is starred with walnuts and* lightly toasted, it's every germ as fine as the bread which is served throughout the meal. Delteil is happily saddled with the reputation of making the best sorbets in London; he also turns out a pretty neat honey ice-cream and the most marvellous creation called a nougat glace, which is a must for any devotee of candied fruit and angelica.

All this comes at a highish price — *at lunchtime there is a* bargain set menu at £14.50, which means that two will probably spend just over £40 if they drink modestly. In the evening you are liable to more than double that figure. With two aperitifs, no digestifs and a bottle of Guigal's superb '81 Côte Rôtie Brune et Blonde, the bill was £109.

With the exception of the wine waiter's performance in the early part of the evening — he also delivered a wrong order and shruggingly refused to believe that he'd made a mistake — it is difficult to find any fault. Even he cheered up later. I suppose that one might adversely criticize the prissy little plates of vegetables, but *for the rest all one can do is* congratulate the place on its pinchbeck award and state with no equivocation that L'Arlequin is now in the very highest league of British restaurants.

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DIRECTORY

This is a selection of restaurants that will be open *for lunch and/or dinner* on Christmas Day. The dishes described are included to give *an indication of the cooking* but many will be serving a special menu at a set price. Stars — up *to a maximum of 10* — are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices quoted are *for a three-course meal* with drinks for two. It is advisable to reserve your table well in advance *as the restaurants are* likely to be fully-booked. **JM.** •

Four Seasons
Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, London W1 (01-499 0888)
★★★★★
First-floor dining room with *panoramic* views of cars dicing down Park Lane. Cooking of a high standard and in its restraint is closer to France than many French restaurants in London. Waiters wear a sort of British Rail uniform and are forever trying to sell you *something*. £85.

The Oak Room
Le Meridien, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 8000)
★★★★★★★
Fabulously opulent Edwardian baroque dining room with brilliant French cooking by David Chambers — feuilleté of turbot and salmon with lobster sauce, sea bass with a mousse of foie gras and salmon, beef with lactarius mushrooms and spinach. There are rarely mistakes *of either taste or technique, but* portions tend to the miserly and mark-ups on the impressive wines are greedy. Nevertheless the finest of London's grand hotel restaurants and an unmitigated treat — if you are not paying. £120.

Le Soufflé
Inter-Continental Hotel, 1 Hamilton Place, London W1 (01-409 3131)
★★★★★
Less formulaic than that of most grand hotels, the cooking here is individual and highly accomplished and of course the soufflés are not bad at all though they do strive for novelty such as cheese soufflé with walnuts and a compote of pears and shallots. Veal with veal kidney, noodles and grain mustard *sauce* is first rate and the puddings are fine. Clientele is flash, and at odds with the elephantine good taste of the décor. Good natured service. £90.

L'Auberge de Provence
St James's Court Hotel, 41 Buckingham Gate, London SW1 (01-821 1899)
★★★★★
Seriously overpriced hotel restaurant which is run in consultation with L'Oustau de Baumanière near Arles. The cooking is more authentically Provençal than the rather dire décor which is not saying much. Most dishes are a touch too overelaborate really to work. The wines are greedily priced, the service is very friendly and rather chaotic. £110.

Dukes Hotel
St James's Place, London SW1 (01-491 4840)
★★
Elegant intimate hotel whose restaurant serves ancien régime grub of *more interest* to the student of the British Way of Life than the gastronome. Horrible prices: £110 *(at least)*.

Connaught Hotel Restaurant
Carlos Place, London W1 (01-499 7070)
★★★
The reputation is one thing the actuality another. *The reputation* is self-perpetuating and scares punters into mistaking the mid-*Channel actuality* for something grand; the endlessly showy service conspires to achieve this end. The cooking is no more than mediocre: lamb in a soggy pastry crust bullying mushroom duxelles; heavyweight salmon quenelles; ice-creams that *taste like Mr Whippy* creations; crummy petits fours. £126.

Ritz
150 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-493 8181)
★★★
Beautiful restaurant full of decorative gaiety. French festiveness and Joan Collins. It's worth patronising in spite of the kitchen which rarely rises above the ordinary: watery marinaded swordfish; dreary chicken liver pâté; leaden salmon mousse. *Puddings are rather better* — such as bread and butter pudding, and lemon tart. £90.

The Kingfisher
Halcyon Hotel, 81 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 (01-727 7288)
★★
Pretentious, genteel, technically sound cooking in the airy basement restaurant of a twee hotel: foie gras with pear and grapes; duck buried by Chinese five spice powder *and apples and* tapenade. *Odd touches* are good: salt cod brandade as a garnish to turbot, most sweets, the cheeses. Fairly expensive wines of some note. £110.

Capital Hotel
22 Basil Street, London SW3 (01-589 5171)
★★★★★★
Small Knightsbridge private hotel with swish elegant dining room and mostly congenial service. Philip Britten, sometime number two to Nico Ladenis, cooks some way from his master's shadow: Excellent sweetbreads with tomato *basil and olives*, good scallop feuilleté. Justly reputed wines for the well heeled. £100.

Number 12
Royal Court Hotel, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 1499/9191).
★★★
Jean Louis Taillebaud, one of London's star chefs of the early Eighties, returns to his adopted city. On this performance he is unlikely to enhance his reputation. *The cooking is over-ambitious*, inaccurately timed and far too expensive. £80.

Dolphin Brasserie
Dolphin Square, Chichester Street, London SW1 (01-828 3207/630 6231)
★★
High camp décor in the marine *style, designed by Glynn Boyd* Harte. There is a proficient cocktail bar and the place is altogether soigné. The cooking is unimpressive apart from the sweets. Eclectic wine list. £69.

FOOD

Boxed in a pretty pickle

Jars of chutney and pickled walnuts are making a comeback

Pickles have just become the *first form of food to have their* own national network television show. *The Perfect Pickle Programme*, presented by Davilia David and David Mabey, started on BBC2 on Wednesday, and there are five more helpings to come. Why should pickles be so honoured? There has been no *Pie Programme, Sausage Show*, or *Fish and Chipper*.

The answer could be that pickles are central to cultures the world over — and a cornerstone of our national culinary tradition of which we can be especially proud. In fact, though, it would be truer to say that it is because pickles have been a private passion of the producer, David Collison, for years. The more such passions are indulged, the better television will be.

An accompanying book (BBC Enterprises, £3.95) provides 150 recipes for those who want to pickle at home, but the truth, which the programmes joyously celebrate, is that there is already a renaissance in the art of pickling and a growing number of cottage industrialists willing to undertake the work for you.

Mass-produced commercial pickles vary from harsh to *horrible. Extraordinarily, they* are preserves to which preservatives have to be added. Manufactured in minutes on a scale which demands the use of emulsifiers to keep the machinery moving, the makers feel unable to rely on the preservative power of vinegar (or, in some cases, non-brewed condiment or industrial spirit vinegar), salt or sugar to keep the product properly. Hence the E numbers indicating additives on the ingredients list, the sell-by dates, and the deterioration sometimes apparent in jars that have been left too long on shelves or warehouses.

Go to Elstone's greengrocers at 38, Princess Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, and you will find that Mrs Sheila *Elstone can sell her piccalilli* and banana chutney and her pickled eggs, red cabbage, and onions with the boast that "the only E is in Elstone". Mrs Elstone began her bottlings to use up the shop's gluts of fruit and vegetables. Now they *have become a staple of the* business.

Disconcertingly, Mrs Elstone says she would like to have a recipe for something like Branston, the commercial brand leader. For all that the Princess of Wales is claimed to be *unable to imagine a pie* without it, and British film stars in Hollywood are said to send *home* for it, Branston seems mediocre stuff when compared to home-made. If Mrs Elstone produced a Branston it would, quite sim*ply, be a much better product*, just as the pickled walnuts Carole Evans makes at the Roebuck, Brimfield, Hereford & Worcester, bear no relation to the soft, black imitations widely sold elsewhere.

Clare Benson, of Rendcomb *near Cirencester in Wiltshire*, makes 41 different jams, preserves and pickles in redundant dairy buildings on her husband's farm. Under her Clare's Kitchen label she supplies 45 shops in London and 40 in the West Country, *mostly in the wholefood trade*. Cranks use her delicious apricot and ginger chutney (made with apple juice, not vinegar) in their sandwiches and she eats it herself with a baked potato at lunchtime. She also makes organic chutneys of *apple, carrot, and tomato and* marrow, using no salt in the first two and organic cider vinegar in place of malt. With two full-time helpers and several part-timers, she manages 60,000 jars a year, which means hand-bottling at a rate *of 68 jars an hour*, and, for lack of extra workers out in the countryside, she can scarcely keep up with demand.

Outside Brighton Mrs Wendy Brandon uses no salt or sugar in any of her pickles and chutneys. A former *school-teacher who lived for* a while in the West Indies, her six varieties are Jamaican mango, date, ginger and fig, apricot, Kashmiri apple, and aubergine and sweet pepper. They sell in Harrods as well as health food shops, at about *£1.40 to £1.60 a half pound*, and the recipe leaflet she distributes includes ideas for quickly brightening up home cookery — for instance by baking whitefish in foil with a little oil and a dab of mango *chutney*.

Some of the pickle and chutney makers have passed from the cottage industry into the factory age. Cartwright & Butler started from seven jars of chutney which Marion Butler made when she tired of throwing pots and playing the piano. Now the business occupies a factory at Wells-next-the-Sea with 40 employees, and exports more preserves than it sells in Britain. About a fifth of the multi-million pound production is in pickles, such as sweet cucumber, and a range of 10 chutneys among which a favourite is apple and tomato filled with nuts, raisins and spices.

Rapidly growing is the English Provender Company, operating from a converted barn at Aldreth, Cambridgeshire, and now enjoying the financial backing of the Curwin Group. It is based on the savoury recipes of Mrs Anne Parker, and already produces three ranges — Country Diary Provisions (packaged in designs from Edith Holden's best-selling *Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady*), New English Provender in smart square jars, and Great British Eccentrics, a "gentlemen's" range.

Though the English Provender Company does use malt vinegar for the English market it is already making bespoke chutneys with Beaujolais, Chablis and Chardonnay, for the United States.

Mrs Parker's revivals include sherry sauce (a pickle, since it is sherry with chillies steeped in it), which stood on Edwardian sideboards to be splashed on to sausages and steaks, and spiced plum chutney (to go with pork). One of her inventions is Very Lazy Garlic, a chopped and pickled garlic which has been so successful as a cooking aid that it may lead to a whole Very Lazy range.

The pickle revival may be related to the renewed interest in traditional British cookery, and has come about because people are fed up with the lack of variety and quality in the mass-produced market. But now English Provender, for instance, is getting into regional supermarkets such as Morrison's in the north and E.H. Booth in the north-west, and convenience stores like Cullen's in the south-east.

Robin Young

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Traditional tastes: flavours from English Provender

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THE TIMES COOK

Italian ways with the language of kitchens

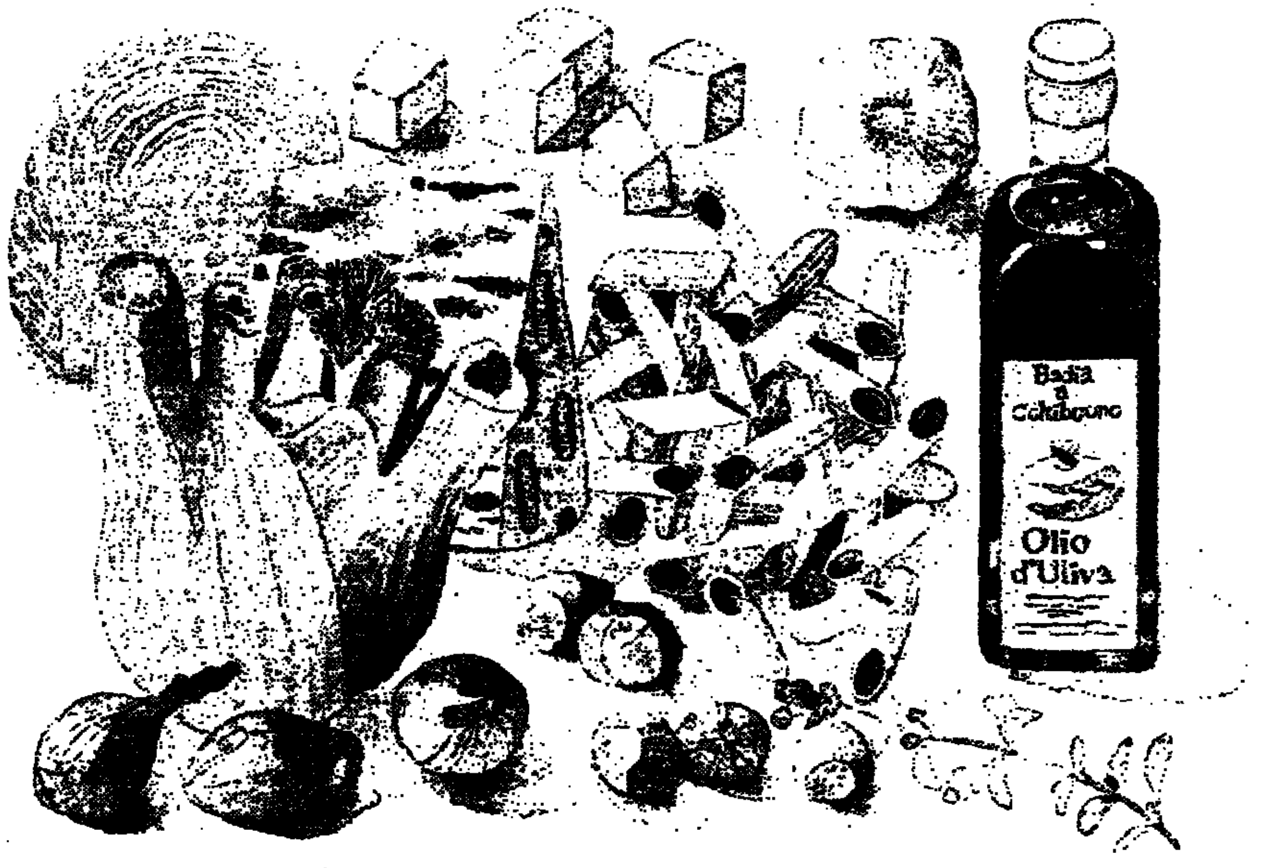
Frances Bissell checks the books for instructions on new ways to cook the homely, but heavenly, staples of *la cucina italiana*

As it has been nearly six months since I have written about Italian food, I feel that I can indulge in it once more without the risk of anyone complaining of a surfeit of *la cucina italiana*. Hardly a week goes by without us having at least two pastas and a risotto, for we never tire of this food. Judging from the number of new Italian cookery books about, we are not alone in this passion. Gino Santin's book on *La Cucina Veneziana* (Ebury Press, £14.95) with handsome and evocative photographs of the Veneto by Anthony Blake is part cookbook, part travelogue and part autobiography. His discourse on risotto is admirably clear to the point that a good risotto is within everyone's reach. And I love the chapter on vegetables, which gives the vegetable its rightful place in a meal — that of a dish in its own right, rather than a supporting role. Four pages are devoted to the making of polenta, one of the corner-stones of Venetian cooking but far too good, I feel, just to restrict to a Venetian meal.

Italy The Beautiful Cookbook by Lorenza de Medici (Merehurst Press, £19.95), contains descriptions of the richly varied regional cooking of Italy, combined with a structure that takes you through the various components of an Italian meal. Its glossy appearance should not hide the fact that its recipes are easily achievable at home, provided that you have good fresh produce. However, measuring 10in by 14in and weighing 5lb, *Italy The Beautiful Cookbook* is for large, smart coffee tables, not for a cosy read in bed.

Fortunately Antonio Carluccio's award-winning book, *An Invitation to Italian Cooking*, has been published in paperback by Pan for £8.95. It is impossible to read anything by Antonio and not want to put on the apron and sharpen the knives after a quick trip to Lina Stores in Soho or your equivalent local shop. In paperback his book is kitchen-size and practical, as well as a good bedtime read.

Here are some Italian dishes that I have enjoyed cooking recently. Fennel is one of my favourite vegetables which I use raw in salads, cooked in soups, and as a vegetable. This recipe is not based on any dish I have ever come across in Italy, but the inspiration certainly comes from the Italian way with vegetables; they are treated as an important part of any meal.



DIANA LEADBETTER

Fennel with cheese sauce
Serves 4

- 2 large round fennel bulbs, 12oz/340g each
- salt
- ½oz/15g butter
- 2 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
- ¼pt/70ml full cream milk
- 2oz/60g Gorgonzola or Dolcelatte cheese
- 2oz/60g Fontina or Caciotta cheese
- 2oz/60g ricotta

Trim the feathery tops from the fennel and, if in good condition, keep about 2 tablespoons in reserve for decoration. Remove any bruised or broken leaves. Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil. Cut the fennel bulbs in half down the middle and put them in the boiling water. Bring back to the boil and simmer for 10-20 minutes until just tender. The length of cooking time will depend on how fresh and juicy the fennel was to begin with. When the fennel is cooked, drain it. Remove the leaves in the centre, taking great care not to break them. Leave one complete layer of leaves so that a small bowl is formed in which to pour melted cheese. The leaves you have removed will serve as scoops to eat the cheese. Some of the broader ones can be cut in half down the middle. Put these to one side, covered in a colander set over hot water to keep them warm.

In a small saucepan melt the butter, and gently fry the shallots until soft. Pour on a little of the milk. Crumble in the blue cheese, cut the Fontina or Caciotta into small cubes, and put these in the pan together with the ricotta. Stir together, heating gently until melted, adding more milk if required, to make it a homogeneous, creamy consistency. Pour into the fennel "bowls", and finish under a hot grill so that the cheese *just* begins to brown and bubble. Put on individual serving plates, garnish with sprigs of fennel tops and serve with the reserved fennel leaves.

The following recipe is based on a dish cooked by Antonio Fiori, the young chef at La Seppia in London's Mount Street. I first met Antonio in the kitchens of the Inter-Continental Hotel in London, and he is now in charge of his own team, cooking light and interesting fish dishes and excellent pastas.

He readily admits to having adapted his recipe for hazelnut sauce for pasta from the current favourite in Italy, walnut sauce. Any of the short, chunky pastas will work well, particularly the penne (pasta quills) and rigatoni (ridged pasta tubes), but you could also try it with fresh tagliatelle. Hazelnut oil, available from well-stocked delicatessens and some supermarkets, is expensive, but a little goes a long way. It makes fine dressings for salads and is very good with fish.

Hazelnut sauce for pasta
Enough for 4 servings

- 3oz/85g shelled skinned hazelnuts
- 1oz/30g shelled unskinned hazelnuts
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼tsp salt
- freshly ground white pepper
- freshly grated nutmeg
- 3-4tbsp melted butter or sunflower oil
- 1tbsp hazelnut oil

If you have a food processor, all the ingredients can be put in it together and processed until smooth. For a coarser texture, do not leave the motor on continuously but switch on in short bursts until it achieves the texture you require. Otherwise, crush the hazelnuts by putting them in a sturdy paper or polythene bag and rolling or smashing them with a rolling pin until finely ground, and then mixing with the rest of the ingredients. Heat the sauce gently in a small saucepan and then stir it into freshly cooked pasta. For a more liquid sauce, add extra melted butter or oil.

One of the most succulent cuts of meat when carefully cooked is the chopped shin of beef or veal, which contains the rich buttery marrow to give the meat flavour and the sauce an unctuous texture. Veal is used to make the classic Italian ossobucco, a warming, slow-cooked dish flavoured also with wine or stock and the indispensable "soffrito" of onion, carrot, celery and garlic which is the basis of many Italian dishes, and which has no exact translation in English, although the term comes from the verb to "underfry" or "fry gently". The richness of the dish is offset by "gremolata", which is a mixture of garlic, parsley and lemon sprinkled over the meat. It is far more than just a garnish and plays an important part in the overall composition of a dish. In my version I leave out the tomatoes. If you prefer to use them, reduce the amount of stock or wine accordingly, and add them at the same time as the liquid.

Ossobucco
Serves 4

- ½oz/10g butter
- 1tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 4 to 6 pieces of shin veal each about ½lb/225g
- 1-2 tbsp flour
- sprig of thyme or marjoram
- up to ¾pt/420ml stock or white wine
- salt
- pepper

Gremolata

- 1 clove garlic
- 1tbsp finely chopped parsley
- 2tsp grated lemon zest

Use a frying pan or a sauté pan wide enough to hold the pieces of meat in a single layer. Heat the butter and oil, and in it gently fry the vegetables until soft. Meanwhile, tie the pieces of veal with string to keep their shape and dust slightly with the flour, shaking off any surplus. Push the vegetables to one side of the pan, and fry the veal on both sides until browned. Add the herbs or wine, bring to simmering point for 2 minutes, cover the pan, and cook gently until the meat is tender, carefully turning the pieces over and adding a little more stock from time to time to keep the meat moist but not swimming in liquid. The meat will take anything from an hour to almost two hours to cook, depending on the thickness of the pieces. When the meat is almost ready, season it to taste, and then prepare the gremolata, which is made by mixing the garlic, parsley and lemon zest together. Transfer the meat when it is cooked to a heated serving plate and remove the string. Add any remaining stock or wine to the pan, boil it up and reduce until you have 1 to 2 tablespoons of sauce per serving. Pour it over the meat, and sprinkle the gremolata on top. Serve immediately.

When cooled completely, these hard biscuits, full of almonds, keep very well in an airtight tin, and it is worth making them in the quantities given, which produces about four dozen cantuccini. In Tuscany they are served with a glass of Vin Santo into which you dip them. Port does just as well.

Cantuccini (almond dipping biscuits)

- 1lb/455g whole unblanched almonds
- 10oz/280g golden granulated (unrefined) sugar
- 8oz/230g plain flour
- 1tsp ground cinnamon, optional
- 2tsp baking powder
- 3tbsp melted butter
- 2 size 3 eggs, lightly beaten

Glaze

1 egg yolk and 4 tablespoons milk, beaten together.

Place the almonds in a shallow roasting pan and toast them in the oven. Grind a quarter of the almonds with a quarter of the sugar, and put into a large bowl. Stir in the flour, all the remaining sugar, the cinnamon and baking powder. Mix well, then stir in the remaining almonds, half coarsely chopped and the rest whole. Add the melted butter and beaten eggs, and knead lightly until the dough is thoroughly combined. Divide the dough into four pieces and with your hands roll out each piece like a log. Flatten to about ¾in/2cm thickness. Carefully transfer to a buttered floured baking sheet and brush with the glaze. Bake in the top of a pre-heated oven, gas mark 5, 190ºC, 375ºF, for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown and a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cut into diagonal slices about ¾in/2cm wide. Switch off the oven, and let the biscuits stand in the bottom of the oven for 15 minutes. Transfer the slices to a rack, allow them to get completely cold and store in an airtight container.

DRINK

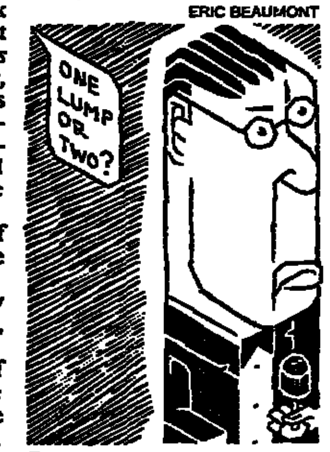
Sweet talking on the tongue

The British don't like sweet wines. By rights life in our cold northern climate should be improved by a comforting shot of the sweet stuff, but so far this winter I cannot remember anyone offering me a sweet glass of anything either before, during, or after a meal.

Across the Channel, no such silly anti-sweet prejudices exist. The French happily knock back bottle after bottle of tawny port as an aperitif, and they are not at all worried about serving sweet white wines with strong blue cheeses such as Roquefort, a tastebud-tingling combination that works well. In Germany, the country's finer quality wines in both the Spätlese (softly sweet) or Auslese (seriously sweet) categories are served with rich meat and game dishes with cream sauces.

The French, even in the hot south-west of France, are eager to drink their sweet fortified *vins doux naturels*, with labels such as Muscat de Rivesaltes and Muscat de Frontignan, as an aperitif whatever the weather.

The mostly simple, sweet, honeyed charms of Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, a VDN from the Rhône, were even fashionable here during the early Seventies. Imaginative wine bars used to sell both pudding and, even more adventurously, slices of rich pâtés and terrines complete with a glass of the delicious VDN.



ERIC BEAUMONT

ONE LUMP OR TWO?

Today the only Muscat de Beaumes de Venise I would offer is the complex, peachy-honeyed Domaine de Coyeux '86, (Adnams, Southwold, half-bottles £4.03) or the more delicate, floral Domaine de Durban (Robin Yapp, Mere, Wiltshire, £7.75).

Another good French aperitif is Lillet. This intriguing golden-yellow wine-based aperitif, first produced in the Bordeaux area in 1887, and much admired by Bright Young Things in the Twenties and Thirties, has only recently started to find favour again. I love its invigorating, *citron* and aniseed-like taste, which is best served straight with ice and a sliver of lemon peel (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £4.99).

Anyone who is frightened of serving sweet wines with food should start by purchasing half bottles. Sainsbury's waxy 1984 Château de la Chartreuse (£4.65) would go well, for instance, with coquilles St Jacques, while the cheaper, but rather more elegant, 1986 Château Bastor-Lamontagne Sauternes (£3.75 a half-bottle from Waitrose, £3.99 at Oddbins) would be perfect with turbot accompanied by a mousseline and possibly even a richer hollandaise sauce.

I would also be happy to drink it with sole veronique but the grape garnish here would be better partnered by Robert Mondavi's softly sweet '87 Moscato d'Oro (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £5.99). Adventurous types might even like to try partnering crab or lobster with a sweet white wine.

Try partnering a rich winter pâté with a chilled glass of a good white wine. If Sauternes is beyond your budget, choose the excellent 1986 Clos St Georges, Graves Supérieures, £4.50 a bottle from Sainsbury's, with its soft, peachy-pineappley taste.

I still feel that red meat is too robust with sweet white wine, but one inexpensive, marmalade-like wine that could cope with lamb accompanied by a fruit stuffing is the Muscat Cuvée José Sala (Majestic Wine Warehouses, £2.69).

The Germans are fond of pork, and the Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium's splendid 1983 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling Auslese (Waitrose, £6.85), has enough sweetness and acidity to cut through this meat's fat. With veal in a cream and mushroom sauce, say, try the 1986 Mayne des Carmes (Oddbins, £8.49).

Jane MacQuitty

WINE BUYS

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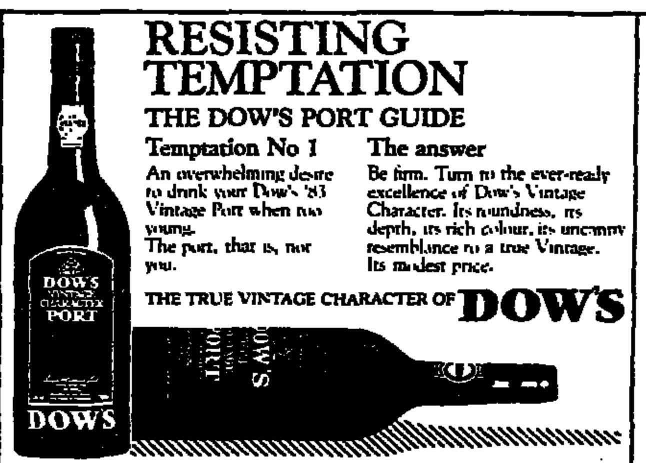

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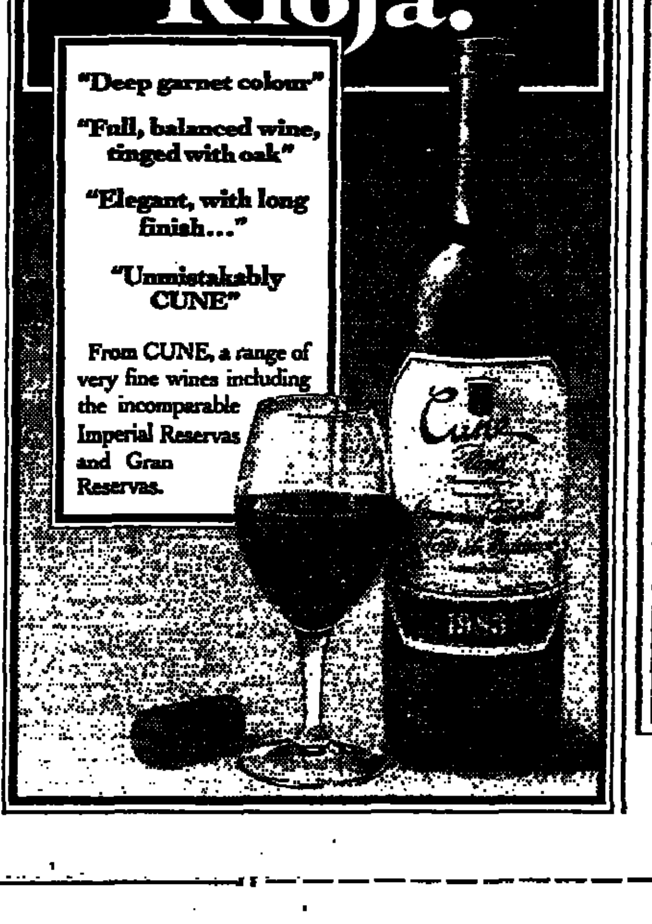

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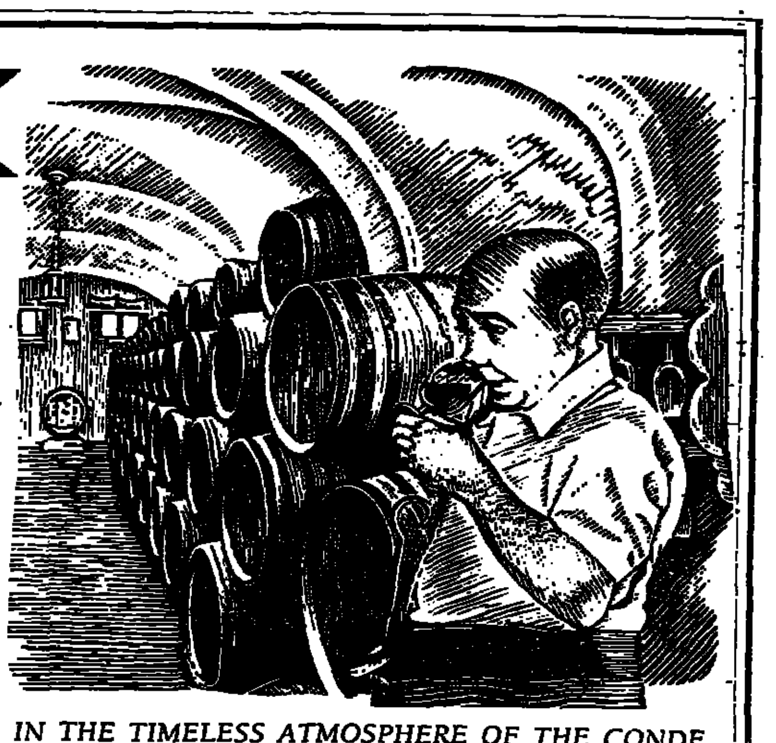

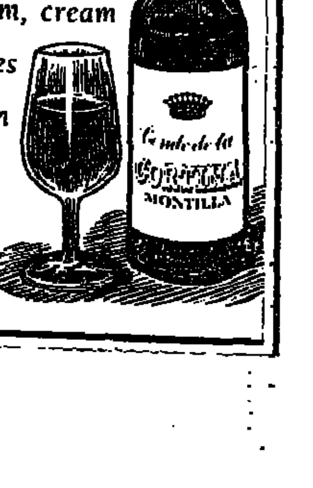

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THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

LONDON

BLACK HEROES IN THE HALL OF FAME: Return of the popular but critically mauled black musical revue/pageant.
Shaw, 100 Euston Rd, NW1 (01-388 1394). Opens Wed.

THE CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE: Manfred Karge's acclaimed play in the Edinburgh Traverse production, directed by Stephen Unwin.
Royal Court (01-730 1745). Previews from Thurs. Opens Nov 22.

CYBERSPACE II – DEADLY THOUGHTS: Caravan of Dreams (Texas) in a multi-media performance piece.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, Nash House, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Opens Tues.

DAGS: British premiere of an Australian comedy, by Debra Oswald.
Albany Empire Studio, Douglas Way, SE8 (01-691 3333). Opens Wed.

HENCEFORWARD: New Alan Ayckbourn play, about an unrecognized and lonely composer. The author directs Ian McKellen and Jane Asher, with Serena Evans, Michael Simkins and Emma Chambers.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987/5645). Previews from Wed. Opens Nov 21.

LINE: British premiere of New York success, a 75-minute one-act play by Israel Horovitz.
The Orange Tree, Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Preview Thurs. Opens Fri.

THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT: Eleanor Bron, Celia Imrie, Philip Franks and Jeffrey Chiswick appear in the Giraudoux social comedy classic, adapted by Maurice Valency.
Lilian Baylis, Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). Previews from Thurs. Opens Nov 21.

NEW IRISH WRITING: Rehearsed readings of Irish work previously *unperformed in England.*
Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street, W1 (01-636 9050). Today, 11am-4.30pm.

THE SELFISH SHELLFISH/ DINOSAURS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH: Whirligig Theatre present David Wood's 1983 ecology play for children plus a new work by Wood and Peter Pontzen, based on a book by Michael Foreman. With Peter Duncan.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8915). *Shellfish* Tues-Nov 19, various matinées; *Dinosaurs* Thurs-Nov 19, morning shows.

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: Orpheus Descending: Sir Peter Hall directs Vanessa Redgrave, Julie Covington, Jean Marc Barr, Paul Freeman and Miriam Margolyes in a Tennessee Williams play, en route for the Theatre Royal, Haymarket.
Theatre Royal (0225 65065). Preview Tues. Opens Wed.

CONCERTS

KNOWLEDGE OF KNECHT: In the ever-onward "Plus Beethoven" series the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, under Sir Neville Marriner, plays Justin Knecht's symphony *Le Portrait Musical de la Nature (c 1784)* for 15 instruments, whose printed programme interestingly anticipates that of Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony *(No 6). But the Academy instead* goes on to perform Ludwig's Symphony No 4.
Royal Festival Hall. Mon, 7.30pm.

STILL IN FLAMES: Yet another series, "Shostakovich: Music from the Flames," reaches his Symphony No 5, entrusted to the LSO under Rostropovich. This is preceded by Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No 2 (Dmitri Sitkovetsky, soloist) and the rather dull Festival Overture.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tues, 7.45pm.

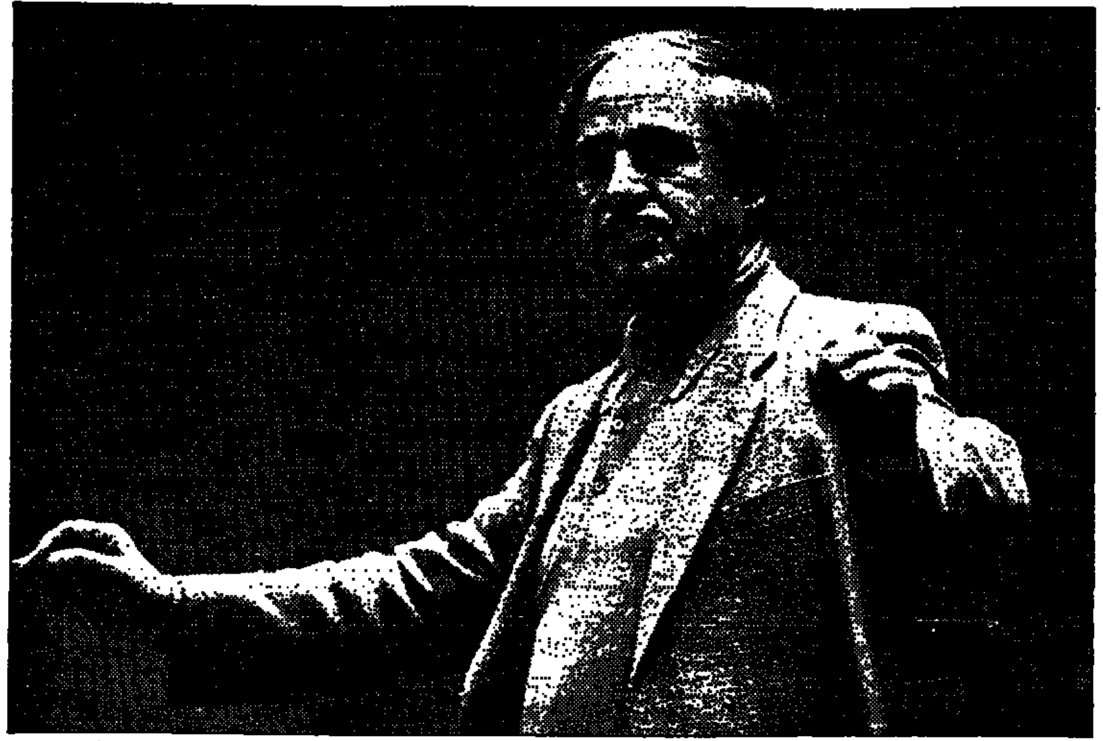
MENDELSSOHNIAN DREAM: In still another series, the won't quit "Schubert and Mendelssohn: the Classical Romantics," Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* receives a semi-staged performance with Mendelssohn's complete incidental music and using projections of the original quite spectacular sets for Charles Kean's 1856 London production. Jane Glover conducts the London Mozart *Players and various singers.*
Barbican Centre. Wed, 7.45pm.

JAZZ

ABDULLAH IBRAHIM: His return coincides with the release of two Kaz African recordings - Blues For A Hip King and Tintinyana.
Town & Country Club, London NW5 (01-284 0303), Mon.

JAN GARBAREK: First dates of an extensive tour by the ECM saxophonist, with a quartet including percussionist Nana Vasconcelos.
Greenwich Borough Hall, London SE10 (01-317 8687), Fri; Gardner Arts Centre, Brighton (0273 685861), Sat 19; Old Vic Theatre, Bristol (0272 250250), Sun 20.

A pioneer performer



Revolutionary: Pierre Boulez conducts works by Schoenberg and his contemporaries at the Festival Hall

This weekend Pierre Boulez takes charge of a special segment of "The Reluctant Revolutionary", the South Bank Centre's vast concert series devoted to Schoenberg, his contemporaries and successors. Besides being a major composer of our time, Boulez is a pioneer performer of much of this music and some particularly authoritative performances should be on offer today and tomorrow. L'Orchestre de Paris and a group Boulez founded himself, the Ensemble Intercontemporain, will both be heard at the Festival Hall this evening. The orchestra will play Stravinsky's *Le Sacre du Printemps*, a major, if by now rather obvious, 20th-century landmark; the Ensemble will perform Schoenberg's Suite Op. 29, a work that, although less obstrusively revolutionary, is a tough nut for both performers and listeners. In between comes the UK premiere of Berio's Piano Concerto, with Daniel Barenboim as soloist. There are two Queen Elizabeth Hall concerts by the Ensemble tomorrow — the first, at 2.30pm, being introduced by Boulez himself. Various performers, including the remarkable pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard, will play items by Schoenberg, Webern and Boulez. Then immediately afterwards, at 4.30pm, there follows an all-Schoenberg concert which includes his *Pierrot Lunaire*. South Bank (01-928 8800). *Max Harrison*

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Mon at 7pm sees the first night of new production of Massenet's *Manon* by John Cox: Leontina Vaduva and David Rendall lead the cast, and Michel Plasson conducts.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: Last week of their tour, with *La Traviata* on Tues and Thurs, and *Die Entführung* on Wed and Sat, Nov 19, both starting at 7pm; and with one performance of their most powerful production, *Katya Kabanova* on Fri at 7.30pm.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 628205).

ROCK

TANITA TIKARAM: "Twist in My Sobriety" wunderkind.
Tonight, Brighton Dome (0273 674357); tomorrow, Bristol Hippodrome (0272 299444); Mon, Civic Hall, Guildford (0483 67314); Tues, Exeter University (0392 263528); Thurs, Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355); Fri, Hawth Centre, Crawley, Sussex (0293 552941).

RICHARD THOMPSON: Estimable folk-rock guitarist.
Fri, Astoria, Leeds (0532 490 362).

GALLERIES

PAT STEIR: Prints since 1976 by an American painter who re-interprets works by Old Masters such as Leonardo and Turner.
Tate Gallery, London SW1 (01-821 1313). From Mon.

ANNE-MARIE QUINN: Richly textural autobiographical collages and prints by an impressive Scottish artist who has recently completed a year-long residency at the gallery.
Turnpike Gallery, Leigh (0942 679407). From Today.

HENRYK GOTLIB (1890-1966): Expressionistic figure paintings, drawings and watercolours by a Polish exile who settled in Britain.
Boundary Gallery, London NW8 (01-624 1126). From Tues.

PHOTOGRAPHY

HELMUT NEWTON: Fashion and portrait photographer steeped in the tradition of Penn and Avedon, yet whose work is electric with the aura of the modern world with all its problems and sexual mores.
Newton Portraits, National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London, WC2 (01-950 1552); Newton Nudes, Hamiltons Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London, W1 (01-499 9493).

TELEVISION

THE TRAIN NOW DEPARTING: A six-part celebration of the last years of British Rail steam starts on the threatened Settle to Carlisle line.
BBC2, Tues, 8-8.30pm.

CHRISTABEL: Dennis Potter's dramatization of the story of Christabel Bielenberg, an English girl propelled into the horrors of Nazi Germany.
BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.30pm.

CHILDREN IN NEED: The annual charity appeal hosted as always by Terry Wogan, Sue Cook and Joanna Lumley.
BBC1, Fri, 7pm-1.20am.

RADIO

BLOCKADE: A 40th anniversary documentary on the Allied airlift of Berlin presented by Ann and John Tusa.
Radio 4, Wed, 8.45-9.45pm.

AFTER AGINCOURT: Bob Hoskins as Pistol in a 50-minute monologue by Peter Mottley giving a common soldier's view of the great battle.
Radio 3, Tues, 9.55-10.45pm.

FILMS ON TV

CAT PEOPLE (1942): Simone Simon getting her claws into Val Lewton's RKO horror classic; the first of a Lewton season.
BBC2, Tues, 11.20pm-12.35am.

REMBRANDT (1936): A moving portrait by Charles Laughton in Alexander Korda's compelling film of the painter's declining years.
BBC2, Thurs, 6-7.20pm.

HUMAN DESIRE (1954): Glenn Ford and Gloria Grahame in Fritz Lang's little seen version of the Emile Zola story of love and murder, *La Bete Humaine*.
BBC2, Fri, 12.05-1.45am.

FILMS

TUCKER (PG): Francis Coppola's gleaming, optimistic celebration of the life and hard times of Preston Tucker, a revolutionary car designer who fought the industry establishment and lost.
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697), from Fri.

THE LONELY PASSION OF JUDITH HEARNE (15): Maggie Smith (above) and Bob Hoskins star in this intelligent version of Brian Moore's novel about an impoverished woman whose romantic dreams turn sour. Directed by Jack Clayton.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279), from Fri.

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark.

BRIDGE

Trapped in the spider web

Bluebottles have always irritated me. Less rationally perhaps, so do players who pass and then double a weak no trump. I no longer lash out at bluebottles, but I still try to punish those unsound doublers. The last time I tried it, I got the fright of my life.

Pairs. North-South Game. Dealer North.

♠ A 8 5
♡ 10 7 6 4 3
♢ J 5
♣ A 9 6

♠ 7 4
♡ Q 2
♢ 10 6 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7 4

N / W E / S

♠ K Q 10 3
♡ K 9 8
♢ K 9 8 4
♣ K 5

♠ J 9 6 2
♡ A J 5
♢ A Q 7 2
♣ 3 2

W	N	E	S
Sheehan		Flint	
—	No	1NT	No
No	Double	No	2♡
No	No	Double	2♠
No	No	Double	No
No(4)	No	—	—

Opening lead ♣4

(1) Ugh.
(2) Partner can be expected to have something.
(3) Wouldn't you?
(4) Fearing the worst.

Declarer allowed me to win the first trick with the ♣Q. I *badly wanted to switch to the* ♠K, tried to screw up my courage to the sticking point and failed dismally. Hoping that declarer would have a doubleton heart, I played the ♡8, which ran to West's ♡Q. Now Sheehan played the ♣Q, which declarer won with the ♣A. The hand required very delicate timing which, thank goodness, it didn't receive. So we emerged unscathed with a useful penalty of +200.

Suppose declarer ducks the ♣Q, but wins a club continuation, finesses the ♢Q and crosses to dummy with the ♠A. Now comes the heart finesse, and the two red Aces. Dummy is entered with a diamond ruff, at which point a heart continuation would leave me gasping for breath.

Bluebottles may be a genuine irritant; other harmless insects, spiders for example, inspire a squeamish revulsion. I wonder whether West's failure to find the winning defence on this hand could be attributed to some ingrained phobia.

Pairs. Love All. Dealer East.

♠ A 7
♡ 9 8 7 3
♢ A 9 6
♣ Q 4

♠ Q 10 5 4 3 2
♡ Q 5
♢ 7
♣ K 10 7 6

N / W E / S

♠ 9 6
♡ K 4 2
♢ Q 10 8 4 3 2
♣ J 2

♠ K J 8
♡ A J 10 6
♢ K J 5
♣ A 9 5

W	N	E	S
—	—	No	1NT
No	2♣	No	2♡
No	4♡	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♢7

Declarer captured East's ♢Q with the ♢A, and crossed to dummy with the ♠A. He then led the ♡9, losing to West's ♡Q. Fearful that a black suit return would concede a trick, West weakly returned a heart, allowing declarer to make an easy 11 tricks.

Although it appears that a spade "gives" a trick, it is an illusion, because declarer can always ruff his losing spade in dummy. In practice the spade return sets a lethal trap. Declarer may well try to return to dummy with the ♢A which West would ruff. A spade continuation then allows East to score the ♡K, and nothing can prevent West making his ♣K.

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GARDENING

The beauty of berries

The famous explorer-gardener Francis Kingdon Ward managed to fill a whole book on the joys of shrubs which produce berries, his *Berried Treasure* an inspiration to many a gardener.

It is a subject which needs a careful approach: the eye soon tires of the cliché of red-bobbled Cotoneaster herring-boning its way over a wall, the ever-present orange brilliance of Pyracanthus or exotic Berberis in urban borders. Snow berry (*Symphoricarpos*) decked with its polystyrene-like balls is one of the few plants I disliked enough to banish from my garden.

The berries I like aesthetically are nearly all ones I can eat. Not only the domestic kitchen garden bushes but their wild counterparts and recondite associates such as the acerbic, native Berberis with its scarlet oblong berries or the tart, round berries of sea buckthorn or the pendant watery-almond, elderberries.

Would I love the foliage of the wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*), glorious in its autumn colours, if its falling did not also reveal the sweet, munchy berries. The gelder rose, a shrub I unreservedly admire all through the year, has beautiful glistening berries like large redcurrants which make you sick eaten raw (though cooked they make a savoury jelly).

The spindle tree (*Euonymous europaeus*) is native to Britain but it has several cultivars, notably Red Cascade, good for autumn colour and brilliant carmine fruits which open to reveal orange seeds, a bizarre but vividly effective colour scheme. The spindle is naturally a plant of the chalk but will grow tolerantly in almost any garden soil. Equally bright orange seeds are revealed about now by the evergreen gladdon iris. Demure throughout spring and summer, it comes into its own during winter.

Shrubs irrevocably linked with the passing of the year, the holly and the ivy, are now looking well, their glossy dark foliage conspicuous against the deciduous twigs of other plants. The native species *Ilex aquifolium* is now offered in a range of 40 or so different cultivars for the adventurous gardener, including the slow-growing, small-leaved Angustfolia, the brash variegated sorts and their nicer, odder cousins the hedgehog hollies (vars. Ferox Argentea and Aurea), with their leaves spiny all over.

Silver weeping holly, *Ilex aquifolium* Argentea Pendula, bears orange berries on its drooping branches, and there are yellow fruiting sorts, if you like that sort of thing. All do well in any ground, though they are less likely to fruit in deep shade. Do not despair if a newly planted holly drops its leaves, upset by the move. It will almost certainly grow new foliage, though it will not fruit unless it is a female with a male nearby.

The other side of the yule partnership, ivy, is better appreciated for its foliage than berries, which are dull-black, bitter and nauseous to humans but nourishing to the birds later in the winter. The foliage of most of the outdoor ivies is dependably attractive through bad weather and looks very well with cut flowers (sometimes making roots in the water, thereby providing you with rooted cuttings for next year).

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Clear away stumps and support sticks of vegetables which have finished cropping, disinfect bamboos and store in a dry place.**
- **Plant heathers, setting them well down in the soil.**
- **Ventilate lettuces growing in frames and under cloches to reduce the danger of rot.**
- **Make leaf mould of large quantities of leaves, add small amounts to compost heaps; resist bonfires, which are a health hazard and a bane to neighbours.**
- **Begin regular feeding of birds.**
- **Insulate outdoor tubs and bring perennial hanging baskets into shelter.**

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If chess is, as Goethe put it, truly the "touchstone of the intellect", then Judit Polgar, the 12-year-old Hungarian, must be one of the brainiest girls on the planet. In the final round of the Duncan Lawrie Mixed Challenge, Judit, facing the veteran Israeli Grandmaster Yair Kraidman, drew her game clinching first prize, a full point ahead of the rest of the field. She thus became the first pre-teenager in the history of chess to win an international-level tournament, where recognized Grandmasters were competing.

Judit, the youngest in a remarkable trio of chess-playing sisters from Budapest, is widely acknowledged as the world's most outstanding chess prodigy. Of international Master status at an unprecedentedly early age, she is likely to achieve an amazing World Chess Federation ranking of 2500 in the New Year list.

The Duncan Lawrie Challenge was conceived and organized by Stewart Reuben, of the British Chess Federation, as a training event for the England Women's team. The English women are due to compete in the Chess Olympics in Greece starting this week. The invited field included some prominent male Grandmasters, former champions of Finland (Heikki Westerinen) and of Israel (Kraidman). It is a sign of the awe in which Judit is held by the chess pundits that she was regarded as the favourite to win, even before a pawn had been pushed.

Judit and her two sisters, Zsofia (13) and Zsuzsa (19), are taking the chess world, traditionally a male bastion, by storm. They have all concentrated on chess since the age of four, their talent being fostered by their father Laszlo. He was convinced that conventional educational methods could not bring out the full potential in children. Although the oldest sister, *Zsuzsa, at first showed* an aptitude for mathematics, she quickly turned to chess as her favourite activity, and the younger siblings, not unnaturally, wanted to follow suit. When I asked Judit how she first began to learn chess she said: "We started with the Knight. It has such an interesting move."

The following sharp attacking game was not played in the London tournament, but in an event in Belgium last year. It clearly shows young Judit's aggressive style in action.

White: J Polgar; Black: L Gutman. Sicilian Defence, Najdorf Variation, Brussels 1987.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6
3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 e6 6 Be2 Be7
7 0-0 0-0 8 f4 a6
9 Be3 Qc7 10 a4 Nc6
11 Qe1 Nd7 12 Qg3 Bf6

Black has chosen a popular variation of the Sicilian Defence, one favoured by Kasparov himself, but he proceeds to interpret it in a somewhat convoluted way.

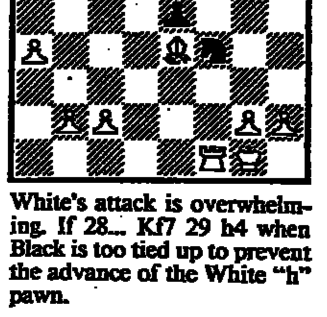
13 Rad1 Rb8 14 Nxc6 bxc6
15 e5 dxe5 16 Ne4 Be7

If 16 . . . exf4 17 Rxd7 Bxd7 18 Nxf6+ Kh8 19 Bxf4 Qb6+ 20 Be3 and White wins.

17 f5 exf5 18 Bh6 g6
19 Rxf5 Rb4 20 Bd3 f6
21 Rdf1 Rxe4 22 Bxf8 Kxf8

Here Black should prefer 22...Qb6+ 23Qf2 gxf5 with chances of beating off the attack.

23 Bxe4 gxf5 24 Bxf5 Nb6
25 Bxh7 Be6 26 Be4 Nd5
27 Qh4 Nf4 28 Qh8+ Bg8



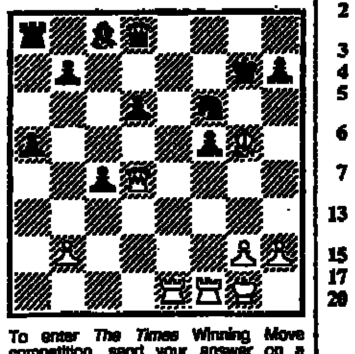
White's attack is overwhelming. If 28... Kf7 29 h4 when Black is too tied up to prevent the advance of the White "h" pawn.

29 Rd1 Ne6 30 Kh1 Bd8
31 Bf5 Nd4 32 Bh3 Qf7
33 c3 Qb3 34 Qh6+ Ke7
35 Rf1 Ne6 36 Qxf6+ Kd6
37 Bxe6 Black resigns

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE

In the diagram White, to move, has a spectacular win. What is White's winning move?



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Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Bxf7+
Last Saturday's competition was a position from the game Alekhine-Lacasa, Spain 1944. White's winning coup was 1 Rc6+ since if 1...bxc6 2Rxc6+ Kd7 3Rh6 dis.+ is decisive. The three winners are: S. Kimshima, Bramshill Gardens, London NW5; G. Miller, Flamborough, East Yorkshire; and D. Walker, Rossall Avenue, Manchester.

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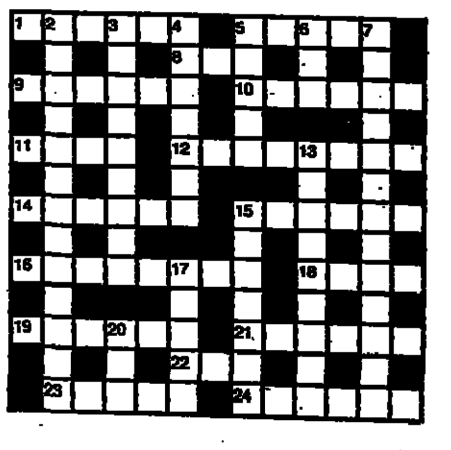
Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, November 17. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, November 19.



ACROSS
1 Exertion (6)
5 Twang (5)
8 Animal third eyelid (3)
9 Rubber (6)
10 Pierce (6)
11 Falter (4)
12 Eton "football" (4,4)
14 Unjust (6)
15 Hallowed place (8)
16 Vitamin B1 deficiency disease (8)
18 Drains of energy (4)
19 Building beam (6)
21 Canvas sea anchor (6)
22 Wrath (3)
23 Illustrious (5)
24 Derv (6)

DOWN
2 French overseas force (7,6)
3 Gullets (9)
4 Dice caster (7)
5 Kitchen waste pig food (5)
6 Rhythmic monologue (3)
7 Men's midlife crisis (4,9)
13 Disc spinning on axis (9)
15 Slid (7)
17 Eagle's nest (5)
20 Pat lightly (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1717
ACROSS: 1 Divest 4 Assume 9 Pervade 10 Crisp 11 Clog 12 Defiance 14 Instep 15 Scampi 18 Notional 20 Scum 22 Obese 23 Pooh-Bah 25 Minute 26 Orient
DOWN: 1 Dip 2 Various 3 Slap 5 Succinct 6 Union 7 Euphemism 8 Revel 11 Cairngorm 13 Redolent 16 Macabre 17 Nappy 19 Treen 21 Dour 24 Hit

The winners of prize concise No 1712 are Richard Apperly, Theatre Street, south-west London; and Mrs J. Cooper, Gosforth Close, Dronfield, Sheffield.

SOLUTION TO NO 1712 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Glider 5 Cider 8 Eel 9 Skiver 10 Immune 11 Acol 12 Debonair 14 Corpus 15 Annuls 16 Skirmish 18 Nest 19 Morbid 21 Suitor 22 UDI 23 Kvass 24 Crying
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TRAVEL

At peace in Flanders

Thousands fell in that terrible quagmire, but Michael Watkins found no ghosts

We tend to think of tourism as a relaxing, fashionable affair. But it wasn't always like that. In 1920 came the first boom in mass-tourism: the single third-class fare from London to Ypres was £1 12s 6d. A four-day package — travel, accommodation, meals and "sight-seeing" — sold for £3 17s 6d. Cross-Channel steamers to Ostend were packed. These tourists were mostly women. Occasionally they were accompanied by a daughter or a sister — because their brothers, husbands and sons had gone ahead of them and not made it back to Blighty. An entire generation had stayed on, buried in the Flanders mud: Ypres had claimed 400,000 Allied casualties; 54,896 bodies were never found. In spring and autumn ploughs still turn up their bones. The Germans, better trained and equipped, referred to it as *kindermord*, the slaughter of the innocents.

The Innocents, "Our Boys", had a few weeks previously been polishing their buttons, learning to form fours and to salute their officers. The staccato bark of drill-sergeants ricocheted across village greens and school playgrounds from Whitechapel to Cape Wrath. They were clerks, miners, parsons' sons; a few, reared on G.A. Henty, longed to "have a go at Jerry"; many simply went because their pals had gone. They went to the line with scarcely enough rifles, fighting with picks and shovels, retrieving firearms from fallen comrades. A handful of officers, believing it was ungentlemanly to bear arms, rallied their troops with walking-sticks or hunting-horns. Some never got as far as the front line. Blasted by shells from the approach duckboards, they drowned in a quagmire — for the water table in Flanders is very near ground level.

The butchery became associated with one word along the Ypres salient: Passchendaele. Later it was said: "We died in Hell — They called it Passchendaele". With the passage of time — as crops grew again and poppies, bright as the blood of the New Testament, flowered — Passchendaele symbolized the futility of war. But it didn't stop there, for tales of heroism and sacrifice came back down the line with survivors; so that in the end the futility was glorified. Not that semantics were uppermost in the minds of the bereaved crossing the Channel in 1920.

It is hard to imagine what ancient force, what primitive message impelled these women to Flanders. They hadn't come to reclaim their loved ones' remains; they hadn't come to bury the dead or even to place wreaths upon their graves. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had yet to lay out its immaculately maintained cemeteries. With the breadwinner gone, £3 17s 6d was a lot of money. But came they did; they had their reasons. Or perhaps reasons were not required.

Today Passchendaele is different of course — life goes on. Even the spelling is different: a less complicated "Passendale" has been adopted on road signs and maps, by common consent. From the look of things, the village — more a small town, really — is like anywhere else, doing rather well for itself with bright bricked villas, Busy Lizzies and Mercedes Benz in driveways. There is a speed limit; attractive mortgages are offered by Spaarkrediet. A brave new supermarket is about to open. I doubt if the good people of Passendale are disturbed in the night by the undying echoes of a ghost army on the move.

I paused in Passendale on my way between Hill 62 and Tyne Cot. Just before the Canadian Memorial at Hill 62 is a café. A notice next to the bubble-gum dispensers and girlie postcards reads: "You can pay with all sorts of money." When you have drunk your Stella Artois you can, for a fee, examine their collection of memorabilia. What-the-butler-saw slot-machines present views of the battle: a headless soldier, a shattered torso crucified on barbed wire, Grand Guignol in miniature. Behind the café, stretches of authentic trenches are preserved; and the only justification I can see for this exploitation of the dead is that we, the living, promised that at the going down of the sun and in the morning we would remember them.

Tyne Cot is the largest British war cemetery in the world and here, at random, I stood above a grave in row 1B. A dog barked nearby, an aeroplane passed lazily overhead. Life went on, quite excluding Private S.A. Homer of the Hertfordshire Regiment, killed on July 31, 1917, aged 19. Not far away, in the same battle, a 25-year-old company runner in the 16th Bavarian Reserves was spared. His name was Adolf Hitler.

Flanders provides a landscape conducive to running. It is so flat, so featureless that you could watch a rabbit run for miles. It is given over to sugar beet, sweet corn and cows, dedicated to a creamy contented-cat disposition. The food is marvellous, truly marvellous; local dishes include such delicacies as potjevlees, Beauvoorde cheese, vlaaien. Indeed, Belgians are fearless eaters, accounting possibly for a national convexity of form. Even rotundity is an art form in itself, as you can observe in the opulent paintings of Peter Paul Rubens, in the grandiloquent architecture of Bruges.

Attend, as I did, the Wednesday market in Veurne, a mere 30 minutes' drive from Ypres. Held in Grote Markt — enclosed by masterpieces from the Middle Ages, St Walburga's and St Nicholas's churches — it is a voluptuary's joy, a monument to hedonism. Shoppers display almost carnal lust for foodstuffs; erotic seems their craving for the succulent, the juicy, the fleshy. How luscious the fruit: strawberries the size of tomatoes, tomatoes the size of pumpkins. How exotic the cheeses sound: Begijnenmootjes, Echte Loo, Vache Loo.

I wined, dined and put my head down for the night in room eight at the Hotel t'Belfort overlooking the market place. They cooked so well, serving solicitously, so generously, that I felt as heavy as a hippopotamus. I drank more of their wine than was prudent: I felt I needed it.

Before dinner I'd driven to Ypres to listen to the buglers sound "Last Post" at the Menin Gate. This is their way of remembering. At eight each evening traffic is stopped, reducing this part of the city to a silence in which clear notes call out to the fallen. There was a considerable gathering, mostly elderly. It was a brief ceremony. Cars re-started their engines. People glanced at their watches, wondering where to eat.

It is odd how chill coincidence intrudes: before turning out the light, I read a few pages of Alan Pryce-Jones's memoires. I'd just got to his Oxford days in the 1920s. "We felt ourselves so bottled up by our elders," I read, "and bored to extremity by their tales of Passchendaele."

GRAHAM WOOD

Quiet remembrance: a shrine beside the road to Ypres, in the fields near St Omer, commemorating the fallen of the First World War

TRAVEL NOTES

I travelled by P&O European Ferries from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge. In Veurne I stayed at the Hotel t'Belfort, Grote Markt 26, 8480 Veurne (058 311153). All arrangements were made by Inntravel, Hovingham, York, YO6 4JZ (065 382741). A weekend trip of the sort described, including car ferry, cabin, hotel, breakfast and dinner costs £116.50 per person.

Green dreams of roses

TRAVEL NEWS

English Country Cottages (0328 4292) has a 347-page selection of roses-round-the-door accommodation on its books. Groups of holiday cottages modelled from redundant farm buildings often offer communal facilites like swimming pools and games rooms. Ham Farm, near Winkleigh, Devon, could be a green vision of things to come: "A collection of barn conversions . . . in 100 acres of fields and woodland where no herbicides or pesticides have been used for over three decades." A bucolic idyll indeed. A new full-colour brochure is just out.

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TRAVEL BOOKS

● **Copycat literary journeys may make for good travelling if not invariably for good reading. The author must shine if he is *not* to be seen as plodding in the footsteps of a better man. Living up to Peter Fleming's much loved *News From Tartary* takes style, and Stuart Stevens has enough of it to survive the comparison he invites in *Night Train to Turkistan* (Macmillan, &12.95).**

For weeks, Stevens and his companions — a triathlete, a kung fu expert and a six-foot female rower — rarely took off their coats even to sleep. In the biting cold of a Chinese winter they travelled by train, bus, donkey cart, truck and bicycle, living at times on nothing more palatable than lamb fat and cold noodles.

● ***Byron In Europe* (Equation, £12.95) is harder going. Simon Cheetham took the poem *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* as his guide and went in search of the man behind the myth by retracing Byron's journeys. The result, part biography, part travel diary, hurtles from past to present and back again. I became involved in neither.**

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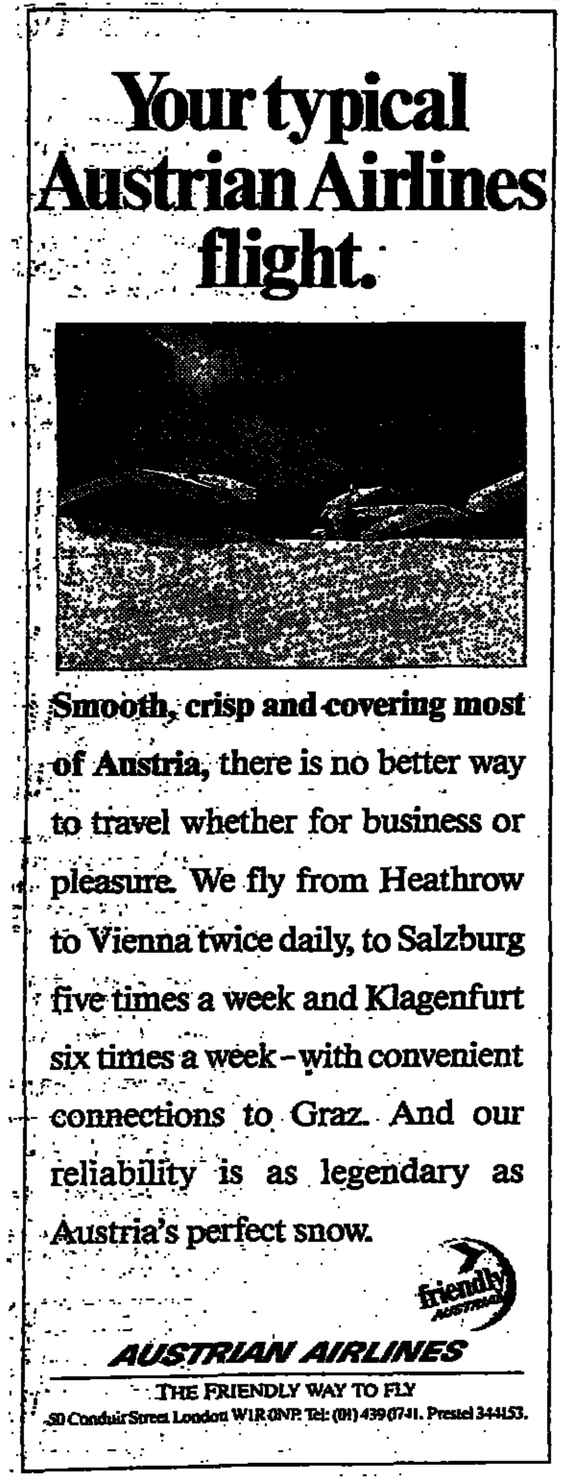

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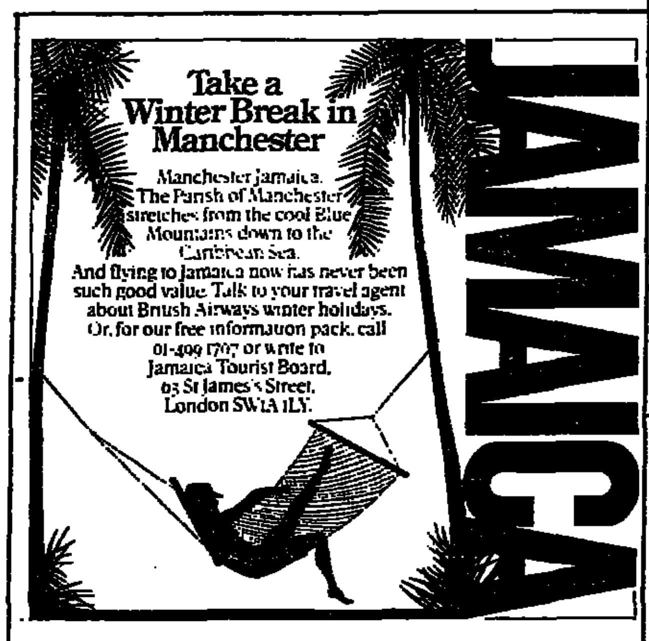

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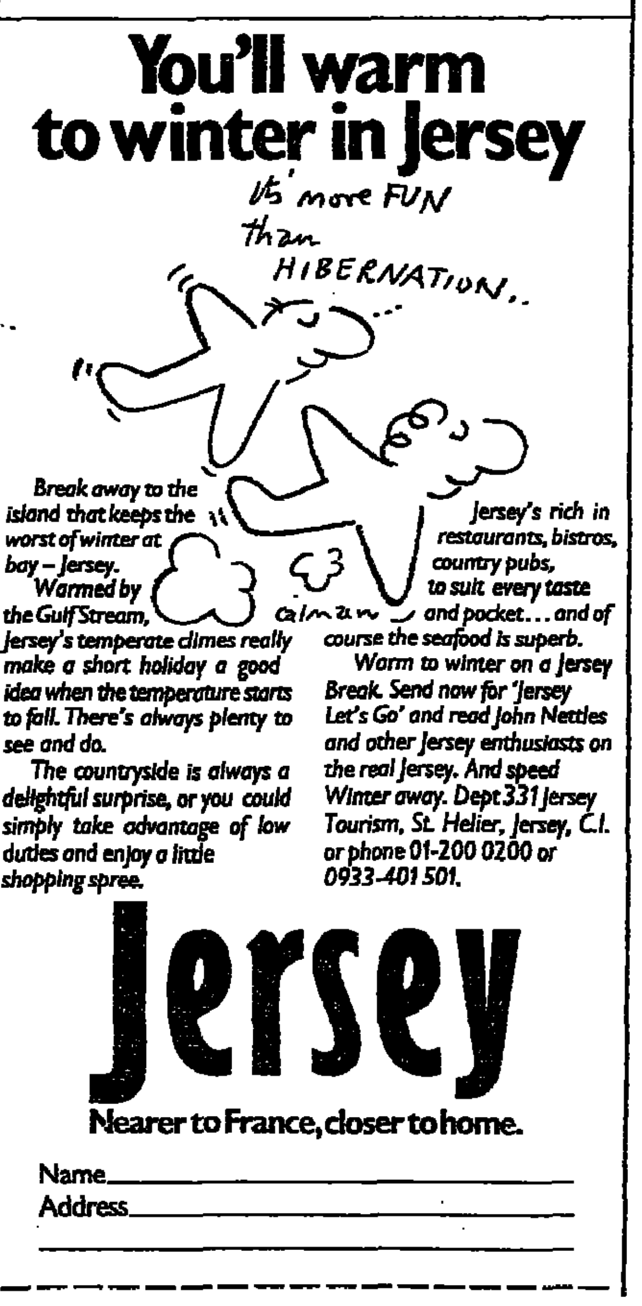

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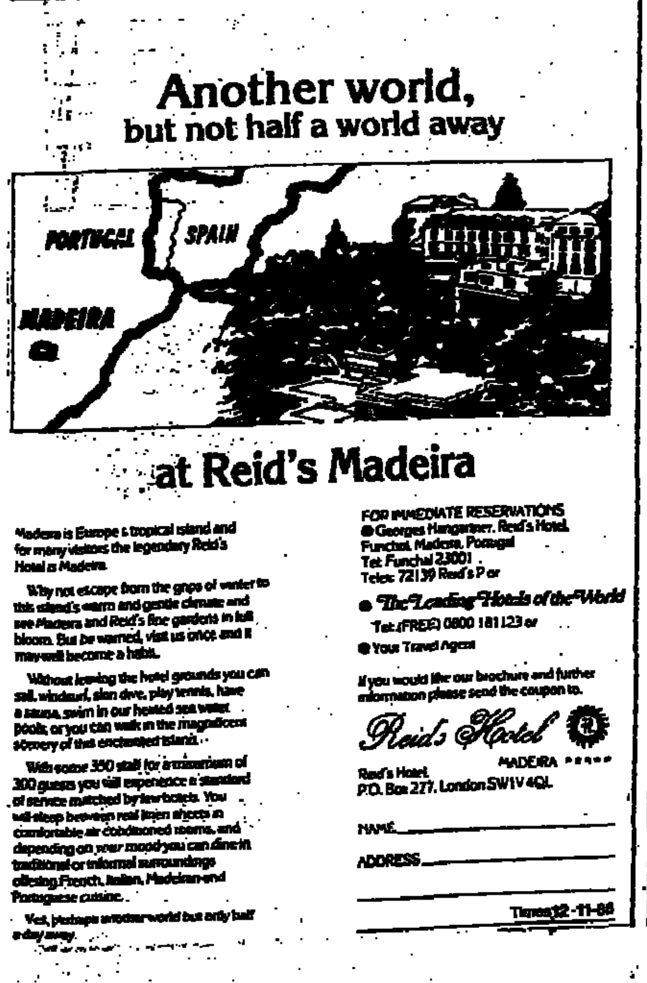

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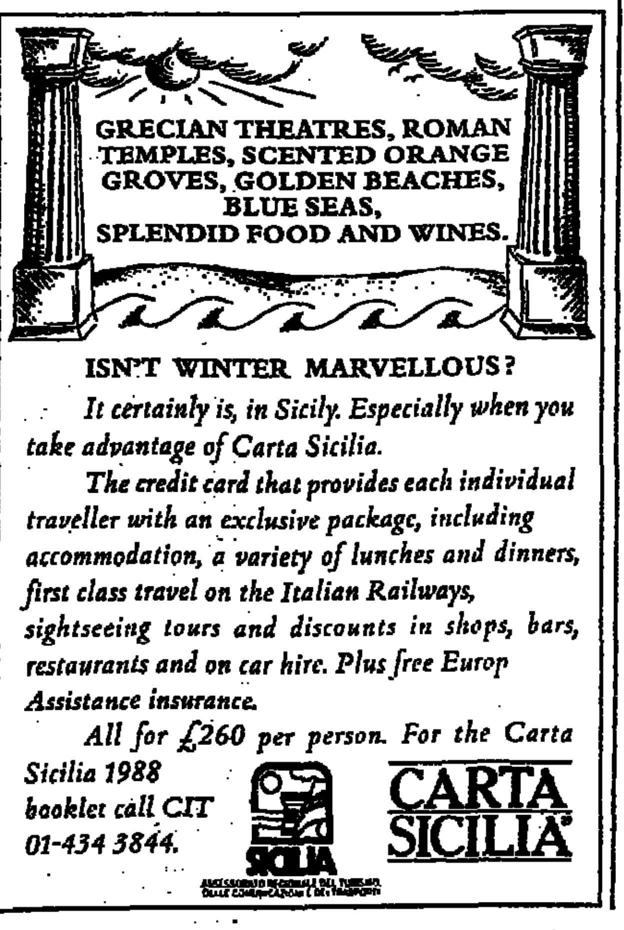

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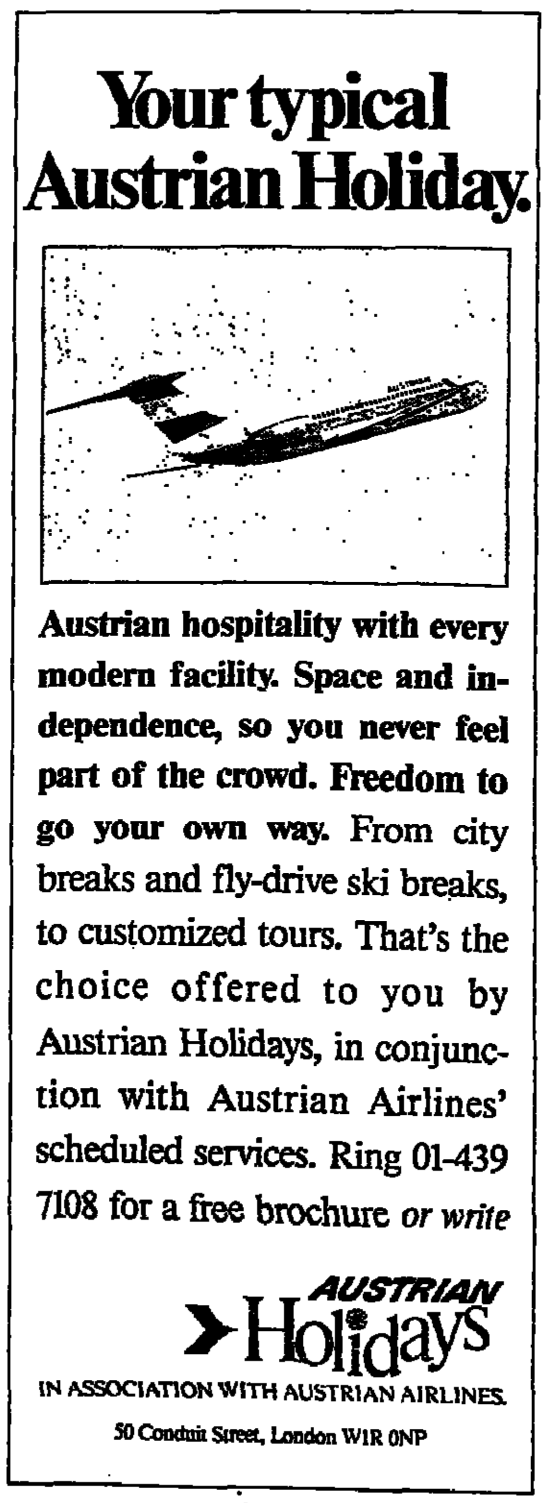

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Charter flights are cheaper still. In mid-October, Hogg Robinson Travel's Top Twenty Fare Check was quoting "seat only" return fares to Las Palmas of £98 return in November and early December, and £96 from January on. Tenerife was available at £79 and £89 respectively. But any charter flight that overlapped the Christmas period (assuming seats were available) would cost at least £159.

Madeira is served by regular Air Portugal and GB Airways' flights landing at Funchal airport. Until December 11 and from January 1 to March 16, Super PEX fares with either airline are £199 for midweek and £209 for weekend departures, with the PEX fare costing £291. During the same period, a lower fare of £168 return is marketed by

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Bucket shop fares to Cairo are plentiful, especially if you are prepared to change planes en route. London's discount travel agencies are quoting approximate return fares of £260 flying Air Malta, £275 with Greek flag-carrier Olympic and £300 flying Holland's KLM. By comparison, BA charges £457 (£627 over Christmas) for non-stop flights.

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Further east, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) make an attractive destination either in their own right or as a stopover en route for Asia. Bucket shop deals abound on the London/Dubai route: £330 with Air Lanka and £410 with Philippine Airlines (both direct). Air France's fare via Paris costs £400. Dubai's national airline, Emirates Air, charges the normal PEX fare of £520 but softens the blow by offering passengers cut-price UAE hotel accommodation and car rental.

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Information on all charter flight prices shown here for flights to destinations other than Egypt and India was provided by Hogg Robinson Travel. Prices include airport tax and involve flights marketed by major firms like Thomson, Unijet, Cosmos and Intersun. All fares shown are approximate and liable to alteration.

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TRAVEL

Island of a thousand temples

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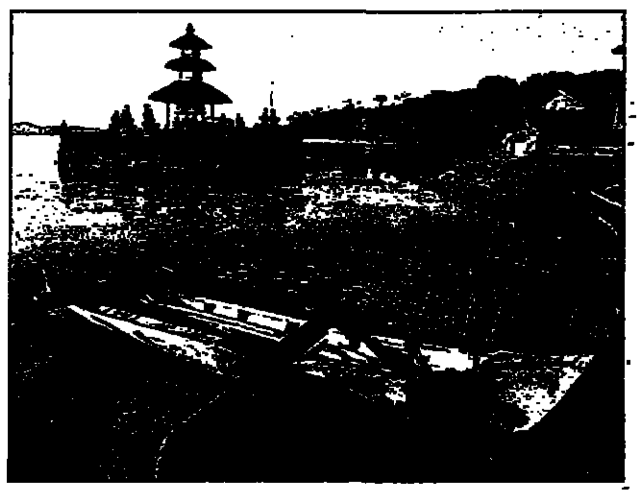


Holy water: on Lake Bratan, one of the many Hindu temples

It meant a very early start in those days, nearly 30 years ago. By midnight one needed to be on the road out of Surabaya with jerry-cans of extra petrol, a selection of spares and a full kit of tools. Java never really sleeps, and the six hours to Banjuwangi at the easternmost tip of the island provided a kaleidoscope of briefly-glimpsed scenes: roadside food stalls busy at two and three in the morning, night insects clustering round the hissing Petromax lanterns as customers waited for their lamb or chicken satay or rice with pungent shreds of dried fish.

Once in a while one might see villagers watching the shadow-play of flat leather *waywang* puppets, the elegant, spindly arms of the puppets manipulated behind a candlelit white cloth screen. By the light of dawn in Banjuwangi, Bali was already in plain view, no more than a mile or so across the strait. All the same, it took a couple of hours for the battered, sturdy old ferry with its load — half a dozen cars or decrepit trucks — to beat its way across the wicked current to a strip of volcanic sand at Gilimanuk. There, beckoning men and boys did their artful best to persuade the unwary driver to head for a patch of quicksand so that they could pull him out again for a fee.

Once on the narrow, potholed road and heading south for Kuta and Sanur, there was no doubt that this was Bali and that paradise lay just round the corner.

Men sat by the roadside — bright red flowers tucked behind their ears, sarongs wrapped casually round their waists — discussing the merits of the fighting cocks they had bred and were showing off to each other. In the background, defying official disapproval, most women young and old went about their gentle ways bare-breasted, as though in an innocent Eden. The sun always shone, there were no more than a very few simple chalet-style hotels at the southern beaches, and there were endless Hindu ceremonies, including the occasional spectacular cremation.

At the beginning of the Sixties, domestic air services in Indonesia featured elderly Dakota aircraft and were sketchy, to say the least. The economy was in a desperate mess, and foreign diplomats and technical experts resident in the country were to all intents and purposes the only tourists who made it to Bali. Twenty-five years after my last visit, I had braced myself for changes as our smart Garuda Indonesian Airlines 737 made its final approach to Denpasar International Airport. Even so, I could hardly believe my eyes when a fluent English-speaking guide ushered us to an air-conditioned car. Soon we were purring along the silky surface of a new highway, bound for Sanur Beach, which with Kuta is still the centre for tourism. Within half an hour we were in a clean and comfortable chalet, unpacking.

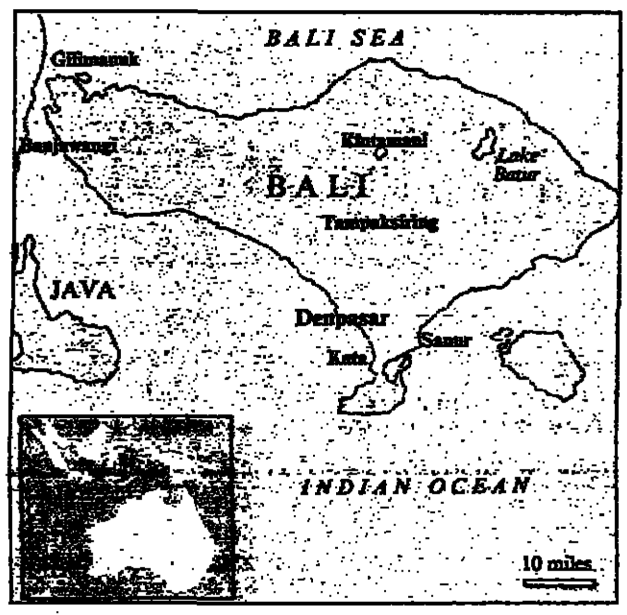
Then we set out to rediscover what had not changed: the sun and sea, for a start. We strolled along the beach, admiring a few wisps of fluffy cloud in the intensely blue sky above the surf-washed reef, to be stopped in our tracks by the simple dignity of a ritual being carried out by a dozen or so men and women who had laid plain woven reed mats on the sand, no more than a few hundred yards from the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel. An elderly Hindu priest chanted prayers and blessed the humble offerings of food and flowers in their banana leaf or bamboo containers. The women then carried them down to the sea and cast them on to its gilded, glittering surface, intent on their devotions and blind to the presence of strangers.

On successive days we set out to explore other parts of the island. Communications are excellent and there is easy access by road to every part. Denpasar is the only town of any size and well worth a visit, if only for the sake of its bustling, cavernous central market, rich with the aromas of spices and fruit. Around every corner there is another fascinating sight: a Catholic church built in the architectural style of a Hindu temple, or a row of open-fronted shops selling everything from traditional Chinese medicines to cheap plastic sandals.

There are countless temples large and small on Bali, which is a Hindu island in an Islamic sea. The complex at Tampaksiring (where the womanizing President Sukarno had a luxurious villa) is one of the most beautiful.

Bali now attracts tens of thousands of visitors a year, including a great many well-to-do Indonesians. The majority of the foreigners who fill the many luxury hotels are package tourists from Australia (it's the near north to them, not the far east) and Japan.

Inevitably there there has been a degree of vulgarization. The importunate persistence of the vendors of batik, paintings and carvings (many of which are so huge that no visitor travelling by air could contemplate buying one in any case) can be wearisome. The pigs and chickens have disappeared, penned up for their own protection against the speeding motorbikes, and scooters have replaced the old bicycle rickshaws, and slick young men in tight jeans and mirror sunglasses are a more common sight than those in sarongs with flowers in their hair. No longer do the young girls expose their breasts: only a few elderly women defiantly keep up the once universal custom. There is no gain without loss, and it is tempting to daydream of former times when people felt no need to rush about. After all, one can reach any place in Bali on foot within three days.



So many of the good things are in any case serenely the same. The cultural integrity of the island, for one. The Hindu practices of the Balinese are jealously protected. They speak freely about the caste system which gives them their beautiful names — Anak Agung, Ida Bagus and so on — and wryly about the tight marriage rules which sometimes make it necessary for a young man literally to steal a bride.

Whole communities are involved in performances of the famous dance-dramas given almost daily throughout the year in many villages. The men sit cross-legged and impassive before the brass gongs of the *gamelan* mounted on intricately carved wooden stands, spelling out complex and subtly shifting rhythms apparently almost absent-mindedly while the audience assembles in the open space in front of the village temple, which constitutes not only the theatre but also the scenery.

Then, almost imperceptibly, the story begins to unfold and men appear in the guise of monsters, monkeys or the mythical garuda bird. The girls are princesses, tightly sheathed in gorgeously coloured finery, their slender fingers bending back at seemingly impossible angles as they sway in their stately, seductive dances, feigning terror or shy submission as the drama develops. Some of the night dances are even more electrifying, especially perhaps the *ketjak* or monkey dance. This is a blood-curdling tale of rape and revenge, involving a male chorus chanting an hypnotic rhythm, interrupted by occasional climaxes of almost frightening intensity.

The impact of such unselfconscious artistry is all the more memorable when on the way to the performance the visitor has been put into an aesthetic trance by watching the fiery ball of the sun plunge down into the rice fields, and seeing the feathery grace of palms silhouetted against a purpling sky. Even the most gushing travel brochure prose isn't far wrong in referring to Bali as the enchanted island.

James Melville, former head of the British Council in Tokyo, is creator of the fictional Japanese detective Otani.

Enchanting: the floating pavilion at Nevada Weir, one of the attractions which now bring in thousands of tourists each year

TRAVEL NOTES

Indonesia's national airline, Garuda (01-486 3011), flies from London to Bali three times a week. It refers potential passengers to ticket agents. Indonesian Express (01-491 4469) is currently offering a return fare of £558.

Indonesia no longer has a tourist office in Britain, but the tour operator and travel agency Indonesian Express acts, unofficially, in that capacity.

Other tour operators which offer holidays in Bali include Speedbird (01-741 8041), Sovereign (01-748 4495), Kuoni (0306 740500), Silk Cut Travel (0730 65211), Select Holidays (0992 554144), Asian Affair Holidays, the tour operating arm of Singapore Airlines (01-439 2601), and Transoriental Holidays (0293 776418). Speedbird offers a week in Bali from £669.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

BBC1

8.15 Saturday Starts Here, introduced by Peter Simon, beginning with Bananaman (r). 8.20 Corners (r). 8.40 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker's cookery and pop music programme. Her guests are the Proclaimers 9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. The guests include former *Neighbours* star Peter O'Brien and Steve Cramm

11.20 The Lord Mayor's Show. Eric Robson and Andy Crane describe Sir Christopher Collett's procession marking his appointment as London's 661st Lord Mayor. 12.12 Weather

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Rugby Union: highlights of the France v Argentina game; 12.40 Rugby League focus; 12.55, 1.30 and 2.00 Racing from Cheltenham; 1.10 News summary; 1.15 Football: the week's highlights; 1.45 and 2.20 Tennis: the Benson and Hedges Championships; 3.50 Football latest; 4.00 Rugby League: a John Player Special Trophy match; 4.40 Final score

5.00 News with Moira Stuart; Weather 5.10 Regional news/sport

5.15 The Flying Doctors. Drama series about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service. (Ceefax)

6.00 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow with guests Spike Milligan and Ruth Madoc

6.45 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show. (Ceefax)

7.20 'Allo 'Allo! René is reprieved and Von Klinkerhoffen plans to reconvene the generals' meeting – this time having them disguised as French onion sellers. (Ceefax)

7.45 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and Michael Groth meet another selection of people who have performed acts of courage or kindness. (Ceefax)

8.25 All Creatures Great and Small. Calum struggles to keep the affections of Deirdre against competition from younger vets. (Ceefax)

9.15 News and Sport. With Martyn Lewis. Weather

9.30 Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance from the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. With the Bands of the Guards Division; Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry; the Choir of St Macartens Cathedral, Enniskillen; and the Choir of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards

11.00 The Odd Couple. Comedy series about a pair of ill-matched flat mates.

11.25 Film: The Culpepper Cattle Company (1972) starring Gary Grimes, Billy "Green" Bush and Bo Hopkins. Western adventure about a teenager who joins a cattle drive that runs into a gun fight with rustlers. Directed by Dick Richards.

12.55am Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax

12.15 Open University: Countdown to the OU (2) 12.40 Managing Change at Jaguar 1.05 The Changing Countryside: Parc de Paysan 1.30 Mental Handicap: No Problem's Too Big. Ends at 1.55

2.10 Network East presents a concert by singer Anup Jalota

2.50 Film: I Dream Too Much (1935; b/w) starring Henry Fonda, Lily Pons and Eric Blore. The story of a French singer who becomes a leading opera star and her marriage to an American composer who suffers rejection of his work. Directed by John Cromwell

4.20 Film: Oh! What a Lovely War (1968) starring Dirk Bogarde and Phyllis Calvert. An adaptation of Joan Littlewood's musical play, itself based on John Chilton's radio feature *The Long, Long Trail*, which uses a series of vignettes to illustrate the futility and the waste of the First World War. The film marked the directorial début of Richard Attenborough

6.40 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's news and sport; Lisa Davies reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather

7.20 Dancemakers. Maurice Béjart's *The Chairs*, based on the play by Eugene Ionesco, with music by Richard Wagner, is danced by the American John Neumeier, director of the Hamburg Ballet, and Marcia Haydee, director of the Stuttgart Ballet. The performance is followed by interviews with Béjart and Ionesco, together with footage of the performers in rehearsal

8.25 Protecting the Children. In this final programme of the series on the work of the NSPCC Child Protection Team based in Lincoln, Margaret Jay questions those who have the responsibility of making decisions about the future of children at risk.

9.15 The Film Club. Marina Warner introduces two films about religious orders beginning with Thérèse (1986) starring Catherine Mouchet. The story of 15-year-old Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who enters a Carmelite convent at the end of the 19th century, only to die of tuberculosis at the age of 24. Directed by Alain Cavalier. In French with English subtitles.

10.45 Film: Black Narcissus (1947) starring Deborah Kerr, David Farrar and Jean Simmons. Drama about five Anglo-Catholic nuns who establish a school in a former harem on a Himalayan mountain top but cannot cope with the intrusive presence of the local English agent and the emotional turmoil this brings. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

12.25am International Tennis. Highlights of the semifinals of the Benson and Hedges Championships, introduced by Barry Davies. Ends at 1.20.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with Saturday Sport introduced by Geoff Clark; 7.30 Wideawake includes a report from the Isle of Man

9.25 Motormouth presented by Neil Buchanan, Julian Ballantyne and Caroline Hanson 11.30 Knight Rider. Michael and KITT search for a racehorse whose owner thinks is dead (r).

12.30 Physical Pursuits. This last of the first heats of the inter-sports centre competition pits Stevenage against Willesden

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter 1.05 LWT News and weather followed by Saint & Greavsie. Ian and Jimmy reflect on the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme 1.35 Wrestling from the Watersmeet Centre, Rickmansworth

2.15 Film: The Undefeated (1969) starring John Wayne and Rock Hudson. Post-American Civil War adventure about a Unionist and a Confederate who are forced to help each other overcome Mexican bandits and the French cavalry. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen

4.15 The Return of the Antelope. Harwell Mincing believes he has the perfect plan to capture the Lilliputians. Starring Richard Vernon and Paul Chapman

4.45 Results Service

5.00 News 5.10 LWT News and weather followed by Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness

5.45 New Faces of '88. Talent show presented by Marti Caine. The non-voting judges are Jim Bowen, Nina Myskow and Tony Blackburn

6.45 Blind Date. Cilla Black with another edition of the boy meets girl show. (Oracle)

7.30 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle plays pranks on more unsuspecting members of the public

8.00 Murder, She Wrote: Witness For the Defence. Jessica is in Quebec to give evidence on behalf of a friend accused of murder. Starring Angela Lansbury.

8.55 News 9.10 LWT Weather

9.15 Bust. This final episode of the series finds Carol telling Neil to apply for his discharge from bankruptcy but he is up to his neck in yet another dodgy enterprise – goat breeding. (Oracle)

10.15 Film: 48 Hrs (1982) starring Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy and Annette O'Toole. Comedy drama about a prisoner who is given a 48 hour pass during which he has to help a police officer solve a murder mystery. Directed by Walter Hill

12.00 Hunter. Dee and Hunter investigate the murder of a man carrying a suitcase full of money. Starring Fred Dryer and Stepfanie Kramer

1.00 Night Network includes Emma Freud sharing her duvet with Sandra Bernhard

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco sounds and news from Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? Northern Ireland horticulture (r)

10.00 4 What It's Worth. A special on NSAIDs, the pain-killers for arthritis sufferers (r).

10.30 Film: Catch Us If You Can (1965, b/w) starring Dave Clark and Barbara Ferris. Musical story of a stuntman who elopes with the heroine of a television meat commercial. Directed by John Boorman

12.15 B and W (b/w). An animated film from Yugoslavia 12.20 Empress Wu. Episode 55.

12.50 Channel 4 Racing from Newcastle. Derek Thompson introduces coverage of the John Smith's Brewery Handicap Hurdle (12.55); the Wm A Swales Handicap Chase (1.25); the Food Brokers and Primula "Fighting Fifth" Hurdle (1.55); and the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Qualifier (2.25)

2.50 Film: The Battle of the River Plate (1956, b/w) starring John Gregson, Anthony Quayle and Peter Finch. Second World War drama, based on fact, about the Royal Navy's endeavours to trap the German pocket battleship the *Graf Spee* in Montevideo harbour in 1939. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger

5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition. (Oracle)

6.00 Right to Reply. The *Dispatches* programme on Tibet is challenged by the Chinese Ambassador, Mr Ji

6.30 Glorious Colour. The second of six programmes in which American Kaffe Fassett illustrates the pleasure to be obtained from the creative exploration of colour in knitting (r). (Oracle)

7.00 News summary and weather

7.05 Hollywood. Part seven of the series focuses on films made about the First World War (r). (Oracle)

8.05 Game, Set & Match. Episode seven of the 13-part thriller based on Len Deighton's spy trilogy and London Central decides to get its own back for the defection of Fiona by "turning" a KGB agent (r). (Oracle)

9.05 Allegro: Itzhak Perlman – Virtuoso Violinist. A profile of the celebrated violinist, filmed over a period of three years from 1975. Among those with whom he is seen in concert are Vladimir Ashkenazy, Pinchas Zukerman, Bruno Canino and Lynn Harrell.

10.15 Film: Water (1985) starring Michael Caine. Satirical comedy about the governor of a British island colony in the Caribbean whose peaceful existence is shattered when a source of high grade mineral water is discovered on the island. With Leonard Rossiter, Billy Connolly and Fulton Mackay. Directed by Dick Clement

12.05am The Street. American police drama series

12.35 St Cecilia. Episode two of the six-part Cuban drama series set in 19th-century Havana

1.35 Barney Miller. Two episodes from the American police series. Ends at 2.35.

BBC1 WALES: 12.15pm As Grandstand except 2.20-4.00 Rugby Union: Wales v Western Samoa 5.10-5.15 Wales on Saturday 11.00 Sportfolio 12.00 Film: The Culpepper Cattle Company 1.30am-1.35 Weather SCOTLAND: 12.15pm As Grandstand except: 12.20-1.00 Sportscene Preview 3.50-4.00 Sportscene Update 4.40-5.00 Scoreboard 5.10-5.15 Scottish News and Sport 11.00 Sportscene 11.55 Film: The Culpepper Cattle Company 1.25am Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.15pm As Grandstand except: 4.50pm-5.00 Northern Ireland Results 5.10-5.15 Inside Ulster Newsline ENGLAND: 5.10pm-5.15 London: Sport; Other Regions: news and sport

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 9.30am Conference 88 12.10pm-12.15 Ceefax 2.50-4.20 Conference 88

ANGLIA As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm The Man from UNCLE 5.15 Anglia News, Sport 5.25-5.45 Disney Cartoons 8.00-8.55 Murder, She Wrote: If It's Thursday, It Must Be Beverley 12.00 The Twilight Zone 12.55am The Hit Man and Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

BORDER As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm Table Tennis 8.00-8.55 Murder, She Wrote: The Way to Dusty Death 12.00 Kojak 1.00am The Hit Man and Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.30am The Bionic Woman: Lindsay Wagner 12.25pm La Linea 12.30-1.00 Star Fleet 8.00-8.55 Murder, She Wrote: No Laughing Matter 11.55 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.55am Film: The Betsy (Laurence Olivier and Robert Duvall) 3.15 Matlock 4.10 America's Top Ten 4.40-5.00 J W Morrice.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Supercross 12.00 First Exposure 12.30am Sledge Hammer! 1.00 Garrison's Gorillas 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Rallycross 4.35-5.00 America's Top Ten.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.30am Bealhaichean Neonach: African Waterhole 12.00-1.00pm International Table Tennis: From Bells Sports Centre, Perth 12.00 midnight Legwork 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network: With Emma Freud.

GRANADA As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm Transworld Sport 8.00-8.55 Crazy Like a Fox 12.00 Kojak 12.55am The Hit Man and Her: With Pete Waterman 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm The Man From UNCLE 10.15pm Film: The Blue Max (George Peppard, James Mason) 1.00 Throb 1.30 Married ... With Children 2.00 Night Network 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.00 Album.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm International Table Tennis: From Bells Sports Centre, Perth 5.15-5.45 The Campbells 8.00-8.55 Murder, She Wrote: The Days Dwindle Down 12.00 Matlock 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

TSW As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 11.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays 12.00 Follyfoot 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 12.00 Crazy Like a Fox 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

TVS As London except: 11.30am The Fall Guy 12.30pm-1.00 Supercross 12.00 1st Exposure 12.30am Sledge Hammer! 1.00 Garrison's Gorillas 2.00 Night Network 4.00 Company 4.05 Rallycross 4.35-5.00 America's Top Ten.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm UFO 12.00 Kojak 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network: With Paul Thompson.

ULSTER As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm Highway to Heaven 12.00 Magnum 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.30am America's Top Ten 12.00-1.00pm UFO 8.00-8.55 Murder, She Wrote: No Accounting for Murder 12.00 Legwork 12.55am The Hit Man and Her 2.00-4.00 Night Network.

S4C Starts: 9.45am Years Ahead 10.30 A Houseful of Plants 11.00 4 What It's Worth 11.30 The March of Time 12.00 Orientations 12.30pm The Three Stooges 12.50 Racing from Newcastle 2.30 Rygbi Ryngwladol 4.05 Irish Reel: In the Name of God 5.05 Brookside 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 The Divided Kingdom 7.00 Carreg Ateb 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Y Maes Chwarae 8.30 Noson Lawen 9.45 Tanner '88 10.45 The Eleventh Hour: Paradise Circus 12.05am The Street 12.35 Cecilia 1.35 Barney Miller 2.05 Barney Miller 2.35 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am The Whole Shebang 1.00pm The Hardy Boys Mysteries 1.50 Yogi's Treasure Hunt 2.10 The Henderson Kids 3.10 Blondie 4.25 Film: The Sundowners 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 The Goodies 7.05 Jack and Mike 8.00 Faces and Places 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.15 Kenny Live 11.35 Film: American Hot Wax 1.15am Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.50pm News 12.53 Sports Stadium 6.00 Wired 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Iris '88 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Film: The Professionals (Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin) 10.10 The Modern World: Joseph Conrad 11.15 The Jilting of Granny Witherall 12.15am Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and MW (medium wave)

6.00 Liz 'n' Mark 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00 Adrian Juste 2.00 The Marquee – The First 30 Years 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Roger Scott 7.00 The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes 7.30 Robbie Vincent 10.30 The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock 12.00-2.00 Night Rockin' with Tommy Vance.

Radio 2

VHF stereo (except 1.00pm-7.00) and MW (medium wave)

4.00 Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Nicholas Parsons 9.00 Sounds Of The 60s 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.00 The News Huddlines 1.30 Sport On Two featuring Football Rugby Union, and Racing from Cheltenham 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 Cinema 2 6.30 Brain Of Sport 1988 7.00 Beat The Record 7.30 String Sound 8.30 The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 9.30 The Beautiful Ballad Years 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05 Night Owls with Dave Gelly 1.00 Ellis Hill with Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (Overture to Teseo: English Concert under Pinnock with Simon Standage, violin); Fauré (Ballade: New York PO under Bernstein with Robert Casadesus, piano); F Benda (Sinfonia No 1 in G: Ars Rediviva under Munclinger); 7.30 News 7.35 Sibelius (Karelia Suite: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Marriner); Dvorak (Slavonic Dance in F Op 72 No 3: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Masur); Ravel (Alborada del gracioso: Amsterdam Concertgebouw under Haitink); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 10 in B minor: London Festival Orchestra under Pople)

8.15 The Week on 3

8.30 News

8.35 Yo Yo Ma: The cellist and Kathryn Stott (piano) play Bach's Suite No 6 in D and Schubert's Sonata in A minor (r)

9.30 Saturday Review: includes a comparison of recordings of Verdi's Don Carlo

1.00 News 1.05 Taking Issue: Topical arts discussion (r)

1.30 From the Festivals 1988: Handel's The Triumph of Time and Truth sung in Italian by Nancy Argenta and Patrizia Kwella (sopranos), Nicholas Clapton (countertenor) and Nigel Rogers (tenor). With Chiaroscuro directed by Nigel Rogers

4.05 The Original Drug Designer: Nobel Prize-winner Professor Sir James Black talks to Colin Tudge (r)

4.25 Debut: Ani Schnarch (violin) with Piers Lane (piano) play Leclair's Sonata in D Op 9 No 3; Ravel's Sonata in G

5.00 Jazz Record Requests

5.45 Critics' Forum

6.35 Suk and Dvorak: Delmé String Quartet play Suk's Meditation on an old Czech hymn "St Wenceslas"; Dvorak's String Quartet in G Op 106

7.30 Boulez and Barenboim: Live from the Festival Hall, London. Schoenberg (Suite Op 29: Ensemble Inter-contemporain under Boulez); first UK performance of Berio (Piano Concerto: Orchestre de Paris under Boulez with Daniel Barenboim); Stravinsky (Rite of Spring: Orchestre de Paris under Barenboim)

9.30 Studio 3: Stirabout by Tom MacIntyre with Sean Barrett, Barbara Brennan and Tom Hickey

10.15 Jazz Today: With Paul Nieman (trombone) and Steve Lodder (keyboards)

10.45 The Living Poet: The Irish poet Eavan Boland reads a selection of her work (r)

11.05 Medtner Piano Music: Four Romantic Sketches Op 54 (Books 1 and 4); Sonata in E minor Op 25 No 2 (Night Wind) played by Hamish Milne (r)

12.00 News and close.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF

6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day (s)

7.00 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan

9.30 Breakaway: Cindy Selby visits China

10.00 News; Loose Ends: Topical humour with Ned Sherrin and guests

11.00 News; Week in Westminster

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 Money Box: with Louise Botting

12.25 The News Quiz Barry Took chairs the lighthearted quiz played by Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren and Angela Gordon (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Best of Times – The Worst of Times: The life of Charles Dickens in seven parts, with Martin Jarvis (s) (r)

2.40 Treasure Islands: Includes a review of the best new books for young children. Presented by Penelope Lively

3.00 News; The Sacrifice: Play by Judy Leather with Nigel Graham, Deborah Makepeace, Anna Nygh and Roger Leach (s) (r)

4.15 A Quickstep Back: Nigel Forde investigates the revival of the tea dance (r)

4.30 Science Now: Georgina Ferry with discoveries and developments

5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor's guest is the American textile designer Kaffe Fassett (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news (r) 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 News, incl Sports Round-up

6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)

7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)

7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: For King and Country by John Wilson. With Peter Gunn, Kim Wall and Crawford Logan (s)

9.15 Music in the Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection (s)

10.00 News

10.15 The Saturday Feature: Plane Crazy. Sean Maffett meets the professional and amateur pilots who entertain the crowds at Britain's airshows

10.45 Pen to Paper: Seven-part light-hearted anthology of poetry, prose and song by writers new to radio (2) (s)

11.00 Up The Garden Path by Sue Limb (5 of 8) (s)

11.30 Dial M for Pizza (new series): Comedy show with special guest Jonathan Ross (s)

12.00 News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

VHF as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 Community Matters 5.00 Inside Science: Lasers 5.30 Get by in Chinese.

SUNDAY

BBC1

8.35 The Flashing Blade. Episode six of the 11-part swashbuckling serial (r). 8.55 Playbus (r).

9.15 In the Know (r). (Ceefax) 9.25 Deutsch direkt! (r). 9.50 Bazaar (r). 10.15 British Sign Language (r). (Ceefax)

10.30 Remembrance Sunday. The Queen lays a wreath at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, in memory of the dead of two wars.

11.55 This is the Day. Letters for remembrance Sunday introduced by Linda Mary Evans 12.05 See Hear! For the hearing impaired

12.30 Country File. James Hunter, director of the Scottish Crofters' Union discusses the rural housing problem in Scotland 12.55 Weather

1.00 News and weather followed by On the Record. Will Britain's "special relationship" with the United States stay the same under President Bush? Plus Cecil Parkinson talks about his preparations for the privatization of electricity 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Film: The Big Circus (1959) starring Victor Mature and Rhonda Fleming. Big Top drama about a circus owner fighting financial problems and someone who wants to sabotage his business. Directed by Joseph M. Newman

4.40 Scruples. Game show

5.10 The Clothes Show includes Jeff Banks with the story of silk.

5.40 The Chronicle of Narnia. The first of a six-part adaptation of C. S. Lewis's classic children's story, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Starring Barbara Kellerman. (Ceefax)

6.10 Spelling It Out. (Ceefax)

6.20 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.35 Songs of Praise for Remembrance Sunday from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London. (Ceefax)

7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Seymour tries to convince a reluctant Compo and Clegg that skiing is not just a winter sport for the rich. (Ceefax)

7.45 Howards' Way. Episode 11 of the 14-part drama serial and Abby's father-in-law arrives for a meeting with Sir Edward. (Ceefax)

8.35 Bread. Comedy series (Ceefax)

9.05 First Born. The final episode and Gor is now aged 18 and tells his guardian that he wants to enter the church rather than join the army. (Ceefax)

10.05 News with Michael Buerk. Weather

10.20 Heart of the Matter: A Woman's Place. Joan Bakewell examines the issue of women priests.

10.55 Dennis O'Neill. The Welsh tenor is joined by Nancy Argenta (soprano), Robert Codd (bassoon) and the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (r).

11.40 The Spitfire. A tribute to the Second World War fighter (r).

12.10am The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and Dr Alan Wright discuss radio stars

12.30 Network East (r). 1.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.25 Now on Two introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Popeye and Son 9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r) 10.45 Boss Cat. Cartoon (r).

11.10 Gentle Ben. Adventures of a young man with a pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard (r). 11.40 Reportage. *Def II*'s new magazine series (r).

12.30 40 Minutes: Desirable Dwellings. Lucinda Lambton enthusiastically tours some of her best-loved houses in Britain (r). (Ceefax) 1.10 The Mind Machine. Part eight of Colin Blakemore's 13-programme series investigates the brain's pain messages (r).

2.00 Grand Prix. The last race of the season, the Australian Grand Prix from Adelaide. The commentators are Murray Walker and James Hunt

2.35 International Tennis. The final of the Benson and Hedges championship, introduced from Wembley Arena by Barry Davies. The commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams and Mark Cox

5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of South of Scotland v Australia; Wales v Western Samoa; Ulster v Leinster; and a Courage League First Division game. The commentators are Bill McLaren, Nigel Starmer-Smith, Alan Wilkins and Jim Neilly

5.50 Remembrance Sunday. Highlights of this morning's ceremony at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, where the Queen placed a wreath of Flanders poppies in memory of the dead of two wars.

6.35 The Money Programme: Cinema Wars. Paul Burden reports on the burgeoning American cinema complex in this country – multiplexes.

7.15 The Natural World: The Journey of Gerald Through Wales. A re-creation of a a walk undertaken more than 800 years ago by a clerk who was ordered by Henry II to travel round Wales with a small party of churchmen to recruit fighting men for the king's crusade to Jerusalem

8.05 Face to Face. Joan Bakewell introduces a 1959 edition in which John Freeman talks to the philosopher Bertrand Russell (r).

8.35 Out of the Doll's House. The sixth of a series of eight programmes on how the image of women has changed during the 20th century

9.25 Visions of Britain. Jonathon Porritt, director of Friends of the Earth, warns of the threat to the idyllic vision of the countryside

10.10 Film: The Breakfast Club (1985) starring Emilio Estevez and Molly Ringwald. Comedy drama about five disparate people who are brought together as a punishment. Directed by John Hughes. (Ceefax)

11.45 International Tennis. Highlights of the final of the Benson and Hedges championship. Ends at 12.40am

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with a natural history film

8.00 David Frost on Sunday with news at 8.00 and 9.00 and a review of the day's papers at 8.30

9.25 LWT Soccer. Highlights of a First Division game

10.30 Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday from Christ's Hospital School, West Sussex

11.30 The Last Stringbag. The story of the sole surviving operational Swordfish warplane.

12.00 The Walden Interview. Brian Walden talks to Benazir Bhutto.

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter 1.10 LWT News

1.15 Police 5 with Shaw Taylor 1.30 LWT Action

1.40 Link. Magazine series on issues and events affecting the disabled.

2.00 The Human Factor. Moni Cameron talks to Singaporean orthopaedic surgeon Dr Swee Chai Ang about her experiences of war while working in Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut

2.30 Film: Express to Terror (1979) starring Steve Lawrence, Don Meredith and George Hamilton. A made-for-television thriller about an assassination attempt on board the inaugural run of a nuclear-powered transcontinental train. Directed by Dan Curtis 4.20 Walt Disney Presents *Peculiar Penguins*

4.30 The Prince and Princess of Wales in France. Highlights of the Royal couple's five-day official visit to France

5.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game

5.30 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests include Audrey Hepburn and Hale & Pace

6.30 News 6.35 LWT News and weather

6.40 Appeal by Aled Jones on behalf of Centrepoint Soho.

6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Holbrook in Suffolk

7.15 Concentration. Game show

7.45 Charles at Forty: A Prince For Our Time. A profile of the heir to the throne. (Oracle)

8.45 News 8.55 LWT Weather

9.00 Tales of the Unexpected: Never Speak Ill of the Dead. The story of a flighty woman and her quiet, doctor husband (r). (Oracle)

9.30 Spitting Image. Satirical puppet series

10.00 Hale & Pace. Comedy sketches

10.30 The South Bank Show. Two sculptors, Wendy Taylor and Nicola Hicks, at work

11.30 Soap. Comedy series (r).

12.00 Film: The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962) starring James Stewart and John Wayne. Western yarn, told in flashback, about the story behind the killing of a gunman. Directed by John Ford

2.00 The Other Side of Midnight includes Frances Barber and David Threlfall discussing their production of *Macbeth*

2.30 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions

3.00 1987 MTV Video Music Awards from Los Angeles.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Orientations examines the lives of the Vietnamese who came to Britain 13 years ago, some to be adopted by English families.

10.00 The World This Week. Can George Bush be an effective president while coping with an antagonistic House of Representatives and Senate? Corruption in the Soviet Union; and the response of the Palestinian National Council to the Israeli general election

11.00 The Waltons. The story of a family living in the Appalachian mountains during the Depression years. 12.00 Treasure Hunt in Oxfordshire (r).

1.00 Lost in Space. Episode six of the vintage 30-part science fiction adventure

2.00 Film: The Big Parade (1925, b/w) starring John Gilbert and Renée Adorée. Silent drama about the experiences of three Americans during the First World War. Directed by King Vidor

4.40 The Selling of Monty Rachmaninov. A documentary short following the lives of a father and son as they work their 150-acre hill farm in Breconshire

5.10 News summary and weather

5.15 The Business Programme reports on opportunities for British firms in Iraq; on the battle for High Street undertakers; and why the Soviet Union would like a convertible rouble

5.45 American Football. The featured game is the Cleveland Browns at the Houston Oilers

7.00 Equinox: Free Flight. A documentary examining a reconstruction of the first manned glider in flight. (Oracle)

8.00 Testament. The second of seven programmes about the Bible told from an historical point of view by archaeologist John Romer.

9.00 The Television Revolution. A debate chaired by Peter Sissons on the implications of last Monday's White Paper on broadcasting. Among those taking part are Richard Dunn, managing director of Thames Television and chairman of the ITV Association, publisher Robert Maxwell, broadcasting minister Timothy Renton, author and playwright John Mortimer and the editor of *The Sunday Times*, Andrew Neil

11.00 Film: Hombre (1967) starring Paul Newman. Western drama about a white man reared by the Apaches who is reluctantly persuaded to help a group of stagecoach passengers in their fight against an outlaw and his gang. With Richard Boone, Diane Cilento and Fredric March. Directed by Martin Ritt

1.10am Film: Malabrigo (1984) starring Charo Verastegui. A Peruvian political thriller set in the early 1950s, about a wife who travels to her home town to look for her husband who has been missing for two days. Her searches lead to the uncovering of a murder and corruption. Directed by Alberto Durant. English subtitles. Ends at 2.50.

BBC1 WALES: 1.10am-1.15 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.40pm Yo Tell Me That 5.05-5.40 Video Picture Show 11.40 Perspectives 12.10am The Spitfire 12.40 The Sky at Night 1.00 Close

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.00pm-5.50 Rugby Special: Ulster v Leinster

ANGLIA As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30 Blockbusters 3.00-4.30 Disney's The Incredible Journey 5.00 A Tinker Out of Bedford 5.30 Who's The Boss? 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15am Married ... With Children 12.55 First Exposure 1.25 Other Side of Midnight 2.00-3.00 Matlock.

BORDER As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Farming Outlook 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Executioner 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.00pm News 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 5.00 Football 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Film: House of the Yellow Carpet 2.15 Pick of the Week 2.45 Hit-Man and Her 3.40 Other Side of Midnight 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.30am-12.00 Day of the Seal 1.10pm Reflections 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 11.30 Showjumping: Prix D'Honneur of the Channel Islands 12.00 Film: The Bait* 1.30am Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Film: Dodsworth* 4.05 Coast to Coast People 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

GRANADA As London except: 1.15pm This is Your Right 1.35-1.40 Aap Kaa Hak 2.30 Down to Earth 3.00 First Division Special 4.00-4.30 World of Guinness Records 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 2.00 Film: The Executioner 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.15pm Farming Wales 1.34-2.00 Link 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Donahue 12 25am Magnum 1.20 Film: Last Moments 3.20 Other Side of Midnight 3.50 Hit-Man and Her 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 2.00pm Wales on Sunday 2.30 Wales Festival of Remembrance 3.30-4.30 Fall Guy.

TSW As London except: 11.30am Looking Back with Kenneth MacLeod 1.10pm-1.40 Farming News 2.30 Fisheries News 2.40 Billion Dollar Threat 4.00 Prince and Princess of Wales in France 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.35 Lord Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Executioner 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

TVS As London except: 11.30am-12.00 Year of the Seal 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 11.30 Agenda 12.00 Film: The Bait* 1.30am Other Side of Midnight 2.00 Film: Dodsworth* 4.05 Coast to Coast People 4.35-5.00 Island Life.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.10pm News 1.15 Farming Outlook 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Mary 12.00 Inner Space 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Executioners 4.00-5.00 Power Hour.

ULSTER As London except: 1.10pm Newstime 1.15 Farming Ulster 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00 Country Practice 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Percy French 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: The Executioner 4.00-5.00 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.15pm Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 5.00 ALF 5.30 Year of the Seal 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.30 Scrumdown 12.30am Beach Boys 2.10 Love, American Style 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.15am Hafoc 1.00 World This Week 11.00 Waltons 12.00 Treasure Hunt 1.00pm The Blood is Strong 2.00 City of Gold 2.25 Film: Evergreen* 4.15 Equinox 5.15 Business Programme 5.45 American Football 7.00 Charlie Chaplin 7.15 Sam Tân 7.25 Newyddion 7.30 Cadwyn Cerdd 8.00 Minafon 8.45 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 9.15 Hel Straeon 9.45 Dyddiau Dyn 10.45 Nid Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Duw Erioed 10.50 Elphida 12.10am Film: Malabrigo 1.50 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.55am Deutsch Direkt 10.20 Espana Viva 10.45 History of Mathematics 11.15 Sunday Service 12.00 Market Place 12.30pm Oil 1.20 Hard Times 1.50 Bookside 2.20 Cartoon 2.25 King Lear 2.55 Nature Watch 3.25 Film: Eddie Duchin Story 5.40 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 The Cavanaughs 6.30 Our House 7.30 Murphy's Golden Movies 8.00 Where in the World? 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 She's Got It! 10.20 Questions and Answers 11.15 Ray Bradbury Theatre 11.45 News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.15am Flinstone Kids 10.40 Battlestar Galactica 11.30 Beat Box 1.30pm Whole Shebang 2.30 Trail of the Lemming 2.55 Britten's War Requiem 4.30 Planet Earth 5.30 Piano Plus 6.00 Newsweek 6.25 Survival 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Súil Thart 7.30 Marketplace 8.00 And Roses Grow There Now 9.00 Fortunes of War 10.05 Film: Cheap Detective 11.45 Closedown.

Radio 1

VHF stereo and MW (medium wave)

6.00 Liz 'n' Mark 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00 Sunday Oldies 3.00 Phillip Schofield 4.00 The Chart Quiz 4.30 Chartbusters 5.00 Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale 9.00 Andy Peebles 11.00-2.00 Scott on Sunday

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) VHF Stereo (except between 5.00pm-7.00).

4.00 Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Roger Royle 9.05 Melodies For You 11.00 Desmond Carrington 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Stanley Black and his Music 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show 7.30 Niall Murray Sings 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes 10.05 Songs From the Shows 10.45 Andrew Vintner at the piano 11.00 Sound of Jazz 1.00 Ellis Hill with Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

Radio 3

6.55 Weather

7.00 Jack Brymer: Jack Brymer (clarinet and basset horn) and David Lloyd (piano) play Weber's Grand duo concertant Op 48; and Mendelssohn's Concert piece No 2 in D minor 7.30 News

7.35 Mozart: Leopold Mozart's Symphony in G: Langham CO under Shipway; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Divertimento in B flat: Langham CO under Shipway; and Hai gia vinta la causa ... Vedro mentr'io sospiro: Vienna Haydn Orchestra under Peters

8.30 News 8.35 Your Concert Choice: Includes Vieuxtemps (Violin Concerto No 5 in A minor: Orchestre de Paris under Barenboim with Itzhak Perlman, violin); and Donizetti (Una furtiva lagrima: Tito Schipa, tenor in a 1929 recording)

10.15 Music Weekly

10.59 From The Cenotaph

11.03 BBC Welsh SO: Kees Bakels conducts Mendelssohn's Symphony No 5 in D; Weber's Konzerstuck in F minor Op 79; and Brahms's Tragic Overture Op 81. With Kathryn Stott (piano)

12.10 Oboe and Strings: Britten String Quartet with Maurice Bourgue (oboe) perform pieces by Britten, Haydn and Mozart

1.10 Writers Talking: Don Delillo (r)

1.35 A quatre mains: Nomura Keuschnig Duo play Debussy and Ravel (r)

2.15 The Bayreuth Ring 1988: New controversial production of Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen by Bayreuth FO under Daniel Barenboim.

5.15 Celebrity Recital: Tatyana Nikolaeva (piano) plays Bach's Goldberg Variations (BWV 988) (r)

6.40 In Search of the Millennium: Christianity in Russia (r)

7.30 Music from the Flames: Live from the Festival Hall. Royal PO under Ashkenazy play Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No 1 in A minor; and Symphony No 4 in C minor. With Itzhak Perlman (violin). 8.10 Ronald Pickup reads With a Bouquet of Roses

9.35 17th-Century Italian Violin Music: John Holloway (violin), Susan Sheppard (viola da gamba) and Lucy Carolan (harpsichord) play pieces by Cima, Marini, Castello, and Legrenzi (r)

10.00 The 1988 Reith Lectures: The Rediscovery of Politics by Geoffrey Hosking (1 of 6)

10.30 Choral Evensong

11.30 Pierre Fournier: Bach's Suite No 4 in E flat

12.00 News, close.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping Forecast

6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 Morning Has Broken (s) Weather

7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm 7.40 Sunday incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 The Week's Good Cause 8.55 Weather

9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.15 Letter From America by

9.30 The Archers: Omnibus (r)

10.25 We Remember Them: The Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission talks about Remembrance

10.30 Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph (s)

11.40 Their Names are Recorded Hereunder: Childhood memories of the Great War (s)

12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the British actor Bob Hoskins (s)

1.00 The World This Weekend

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from River in Kent

2.30 Globe Theatre: Glasnost by John Mortimer. Third of six plays by leading writers broadcast on both Radio 4 and BBC World Service (s)

3.30 The Radio Programme

4.00 News; The Greatest Rift: Anthony Smith visits the Great Rift Valley in East Africa

4.47 Could Do Better: The school reports of Nigel Kennedy

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Fatima Whitbread visits Madame Tussauds in London 5.55 Weather

6.00 News

6.15 Feedback: Viewers opinions on the BBC (r)

6.30 Cat's Whiskers: For children (s)

7.00 News; Open Mind (new series): John Lloyd hosts a new political discussion programme

7.30 Crown House: A family saga set in the 1920s (3 of 6) (s)

8.00 Bookshelf (r)

8.30 All In The Mind: Professor Anthony Clare and guests discuss long-term patients in mental institutions (s)

9.00 News; Encounters in Australia: Daniel Snowman meets Professor Sir Gustav Nossal (revised)

9.15 The Natural History Programme: Stephen Pern on the Pyrenees and Margaret Mee on the Amazon (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Oranges and Lemmings: Examination of the Glorious Revolution when William of Orange became King (s) (r)

11.00 In Committee

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Ian Bradley meets the founder of the Iona Community (s)

12.00 News and weather

VHF as LW except: 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options: 4.00 Education Matters 4.30 Room to Listen, Room to Talk 5.00 Deutsch Direkt 5.30 Finance Extra.

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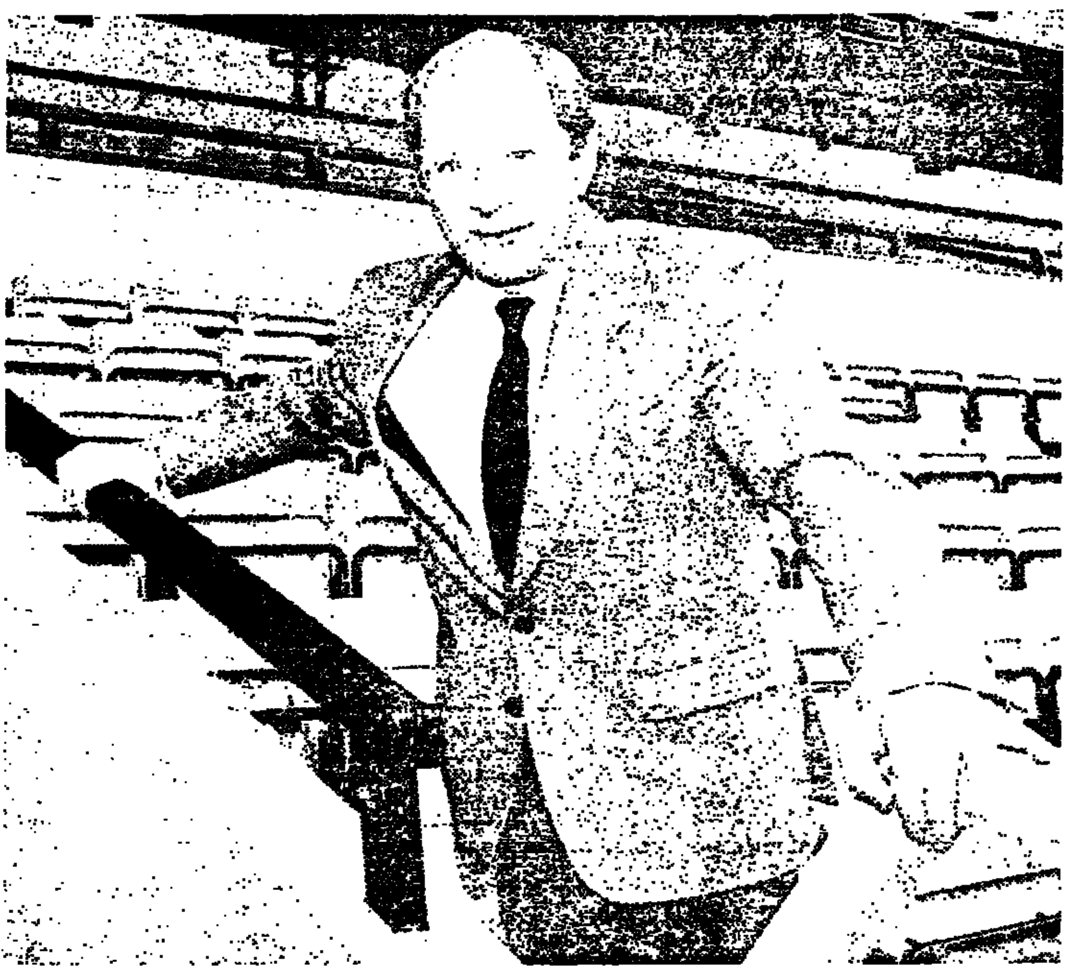

On the way up: John Docherty (left), giving Millwall their first taste of life at the top after a career as a winger spent feeding off scraps, and Dave Stringer, six points clear of the rest, a local boy making more good as a manager than he did as a player

Ten years ago Dave Stringer captained third division Cambridge United, then managed by John Docherty. Now they are together again — as managers of two small clubs challenging the giants

By Andrew Longmore

John Docherty tells a good story about the most memorable week of his playing career. On one Saturday, he scored the equalizing goal for Sheffield United in a 3-3 draw against the mighty Tottenham Hotspur; on the following Tuesday he scored the two goals which beat Alf Ramsey's Ipswich Town and put Sheffield United two points clear at the top of the first division; on the next Saturday, he was dropped.

Disappointment has been just round the corner in Docherty's life, from the day he scored twice in a trial match for Dunfermline Athletic reserves and was told by the manager to come back next year if he had grown a couple of inches.

Thirty years later, at the age of 48, Docherty still has not found the extra height but you have to admire the consistency of his footballing *curriculum vitae*: Brentford, Sheffield United, Brentford, Reading, Brentford, Queen's Park Rangers, Brentford, Cambridge United, Brentford, Millwall.

He has had five separate periods at Brentford, three as a player, one as manager, one as assistant manager. "It must be worth a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*," he laughed. "Every time they got the laundry bill they flogged me."

Apart from the five years on the wing for Sheffield United, Docherty has had to feed off the scraps of football, earning a living and learning on his travels — from John Harris at Sheffield; from Malcolm MacDonald, formerly of Celtic, and Frank Blunstone at Reading; and from the Newcastle manager who invited Docherty for a trial at the age of 15 and then sent him home without ever seeing him play.

"I have never knowingly copied anyone as a manager. Managers have to be themselves the whole time because players are very shrewd and they know if you are being sincere or not," he says.

Not surprisingly, given his upbringing on the streets of Glasgow and his roller-coaster ride around the nether reaches of the League, Docherty's style of management is no-nonsense, sweat and blood. There are no airs and graces, no room for cheats or indiscipline, no room for fear either.

"I don't believe in running a club by fear, I believe in being authoratitive. Yes, I can lose my temper and, yes, I can be strong with players and demanding, challenging them to be better than they are, but I do believe they will respect you if you are constructive. I expect honesty first and foremost from my players, but in return I have to give them honesty back."

It is the philosophy of the perpetual underdog. Docherty knows his place and thrives on it. "I have that underdog feeling — it comes from my boyhood in Glasgow and it shows in a desire to win and in the love I have for the game which has dominated my whole life. There's nothing wrong with that."

After 30 years south of the border, Docherty has not lost his roots any more than his confidence or his Scottish accent. He is happy talking about Millwall, about the game, about the community. He is not happy talking about John Docherty and he will hide behind his laconic Glaswegian wit when pressed.

"I don't care for self-publicity. The day we get individualistic here is the day we begin to fail," he says.

There has been no sign of it so far down at The Den. Since he took over from George Graham in the 1985-86 season, Millwall have prospered and their trip to Anfield today is proof of that prosperity. Docherty himself has known success, with Cambridge United whom he took into the second division.

So what, after so many humdrum years in the game does Millwall's success mean to their manager? "In the first half a dozen years after my retirement there was nothing to replace playing. I tried so hard to adjust but while coaching and managing I was still trying to be better than my players. Now I'm getting enough satisfaction out of managing to replace playing."

> ❛Every time they got the laundry bill they flogged me❜

By Gerry Harrison

A year ago this week Dave Stringer became the manager of Norwich City. Even if he fails, as most people seem to think probable, to keep Norwich at the top of the League to the end of the season and take them to their first championship, he is assured of a place in the club's history.

Stringer scored the goal at Watford in 1972 which confirmed Norwich as champions of the second division and crowned their entry into the first division for the first time. A story of local boy makes good; he has never moved out of the village of Bradwell where he has lived most of his life.

Only two players have exceeded Stringer's number of appearance for Norwich, but his prospects did not look good when, at 15, he and his friend, Peter Simpson, who he sat next to at school in Gorleston, went for trials at Arsenal together. Simpson was taken on and stayed 18 years and 466 games. Stringer was rejected and tried his luck at Norwich.

George Swindin gave him a chance, Ron Ashman signed him as a professional, and, by the time Ron Saunders converted him from right back to central defender, he was an established favourite — quiet, shy, but strong, and above all consistent — remarkably similar to Peter Simpson.

After 13 years at Norwich, at the start of the 1977-78 season, he was signed by Ron Atkinson for Cambridge United. Later that season, when Atkinson went to manage West Bromwich Albion, John Docherty was promoted from coach and took over as his manager.

However wild their imaginations may have been, they could not possibly have conceived the position they find themselves in today, first and third in the League.

Cambridge remember him as an influential figure in the club's rise from fourth to second division status: "A good player and a definite leader without needing to wave his arms about." Chris Turner, now the Cambridge manager, who played with him, said..

"I moved back to Norwich as youth team coach [they won the FA Youth Cup] because it was a good opportunity at the right time," Stringer said. "I had my own ideas about things, but I've always said the perfect manager would be a combination of Ron Saunders and John Bond. Ron, a great motivator, John, a fine football coach. But this is a different club from their days."

It is no secret that Norwich is run in the modern fashion by a strong chairman. Robert Chase, a millionaire builder. The team, however, is Stringer's province.

"I'm still learning the job. But I like to think I understand other people's problems, not only the players'. I've got a good coach, David Williams. We work things out together, but then you've got to let him get on with it.

"We have a young team here with no great pedigree. We haven't the money for a big squad. But you look how hard they work for each other, to play football, not just to battle. I hope we are the same behind the scenes."

Norwich are six points clear of the pack. Twelve months ago, when Stringer began his first job as a manager, the club was in turmoil, struggling in the bottom three; the threat of a boardroom takeover was looming and key players wanted to leave.

"Those early days were very difficult," Stringer said. "I don't think a lot of people would have stuck it. The pressure was enormous. I was new to everything. I had taken over from Ken Brown, a popular man in the club and the city. The political scene was complicated. We had to sort out who really wanted to play for Norwich and who was just using us as a stepping stone. And we had to get results quickly.

"At the moment we are enjoying ourselves. But we've picked up a few injuries this week which show just how quickly things can change. We've achieved nothing yet except win a few games and remind some people where we are on the map."

> ❛We have a young team here with no great pedigree❜

Hlasek celebrates his happy return

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jakob Hlasek celebrates his 24th birthday today. He will be working, but happy: partly because he has reached the last four of the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley but mainly because a year in which his career might have been terminated (and Hlasek himself might even have been terminated) has, instead, turned out very well indeed.

Hlasek is playing the best tennis of his life and has achieved his highest ranking, fifteenth in the world. All that seemed unlikely on January 22, when he fell asleep at the wheel of a car and was lucky to emerge from the ensuing mess with nothing worse than a broken wrist and three broken ribs.

Hlasek has yet to win a big event, but yesterday he beat Amos Mansdorf, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, to advance to the semi-finals for the fourth time in consecutive Grand Prix tournaments. Then, eyes shining with a joy common to all those who are granted second chances and make the most of them, Hlasek told how he had tried to find light in the dark days.

He had been out of competitive tennis for three and a half months, he said, but had thought a lot and had tried to be positive. Once convalescence had given way to training and practice, he had time to work on his tennis.

"I had a little fear," he said. "At such a time, you work so hard to come back. I improved all the points of my game: mental, physical, technical, tactical. Now I'm more confident — and enjoying the tennis more. I've had a shorter year than the others and I'm more eager to win."

Hlasek was particularly eager yesterday ("I wanted this match so badly") because Mansdorf had won their last two matches, most recently in Paris a fortnight ago. At first, Hlasek was vulnerably tense. But in the first set, which he lost, he had runs of seven and 12 consecutive points.

Hlasek settled down. In his last eight service games he lost only six points, four of them double-faults. This did not leave Mansdorf with a great deal of scope for negotiation.

Mansdorf has had a good run lately. His concentration insisted on a breather. Mind and body could not produce quite as much as Hlasek demanded of them. But it was a good match, illuminated by the contrast between Hlasek's patterned aggression and Mansdorf's gifts — often subtly expressed — for containment and counter-punching.

Hlasek plays under Swiss colours, though he was born in Prague. His family moved out of Czechoslovakia to Zurich when the Soviet Union moved in in 1968.

Almost 6ft 3in tall but less than 12st, Hlasek is a gifted natural athlete, born to excel in whatever sport he chose. His first choice, ice hockey, was physically so damaging that his father talked him out of it. Mansdorf is the proudest product of Israel's expanding tennis programme.

The least familiar of Wembley's last eight was Jim Courier, aged 18, of Florida, whose versatile forehand blends power with touch. But Courier has had only nine months as a professional. A year hence, the leading men will have sorted him out.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Hlasek (Switz) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt R Seguso (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

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Celtic's aim is to heal a hurt to their pride

By Roddy Forsyth

The most significant premier division result so far this season was registered as early as August 27. Celtic, who arrived at Ibrox to play Rangers with all the confidence of reigning champions, left dazed from a 5-1 hammering. Today the Glasgow pair will meet again at Parkhead, before a crowd of around 60,000, Britain's largest of the afternoon.

Celtic's hopes of a successful title defence were seriously undermined by the scale of that defeat at Ibrox. As Paul McStay conceded yesterday: "The hurt is still there as is the damage to our professional pride.

"We intend to rectify that. I think that being beaten 5-1 by any team would have been hard to bear. Of course, because it was Rangers, we have not been allowed to forget it by their supporters or ours, so it stings even more.

"Our heads did go down after Ibrox but we feel we have come through now. The 2-2 draw against Aberdeen at Pittodrie last week was the kind of match which acts as a springboard. It was a joy to play in. The way we totally dominated the game in the second half gave us a great lift.

"Although we were disappointed at being put out of the European Cup we didn't feel we played badly. We are on a good run at the moment."

At Ibrox, Graeme Souness has been meditating on the history of "Old Firm" fixtures. "Rangers have not won at Parkhead since 1980 which means, obviously, that we haven't beaten Celtic there since I took over. That is something we intend to rectify and we will make changes from the team which played against Cologne. Fresh legs should have an effect on our performance."

Neither side will be revealed until close to kick-off because both managers have injury problems to sort out. The Celtic defender, Mick McCarthy, sustained a calf injury in the bruising European Cup encounter with Werder Bremen. John Brown and Ally McCoist, of Rangers, both have pulled hamstrings. Brown seems very doubtful but the astonishing healing powers of McCoist give him a chance of taking part.

The Edinburgh derby has its own intensity and tomorrow's match at Tynecastle sees the trend of recent years reversed. Hibernian now have the upper hand in the premier division. But European success is a powerful antidote to depression and Heart of Midlothian have, since Wednesday night, basked in the glow of being Britain's last representatives in the European tournaments.

Their manager, Alex MacDonald, said yesterday "It isn't so much the fact that we beat Austria Vienna that matters, so much as the manner of the victory. We tried hard to re-create the family spirit which I believe has been the key to our success in recent years. The players worked hard for each other and got a proper reward. If they play like that again tomorrow I won't be complaining."

Hearts will field the side which finished in midweek and that means Wayne Foster will miss the chance to play against Hibs, who have enjoyed a restful week without the usual demands of a Wednesday match.

Aberdeen play Dundee United at home today and although the Tayside team has a good record at Pittodrie, their prospects are dimmed a little by the absence of the injured defender John Clark.

Elsewhere, Dundee meet unchanged St Mirren at Dens Park while Motherwell will be without their forward Steve Kirk, who is suspended, for their home match with Hamilton Academical.

UEFA criticizes Press

The English Press has been criticized for its treatment of the crowd troubles in last summer's European football championship by UEFA's report on the competition. The report says potential trouble was mostly contained by the West German police, even though "groups from various cities in Germany organized themselves so that they would confront the notorious English mob".

It goes on: "The only regrettable thing was the treatment which this problem was given in some sectors of the English Press, who once again did exactly what should not be done; namely, give the perpetrators of these senseless deeds far more attention than they deserve and thus give them the satisfaction of receiving the publicity they seek".

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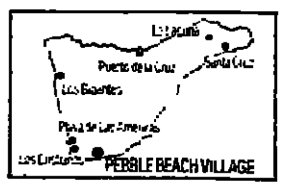

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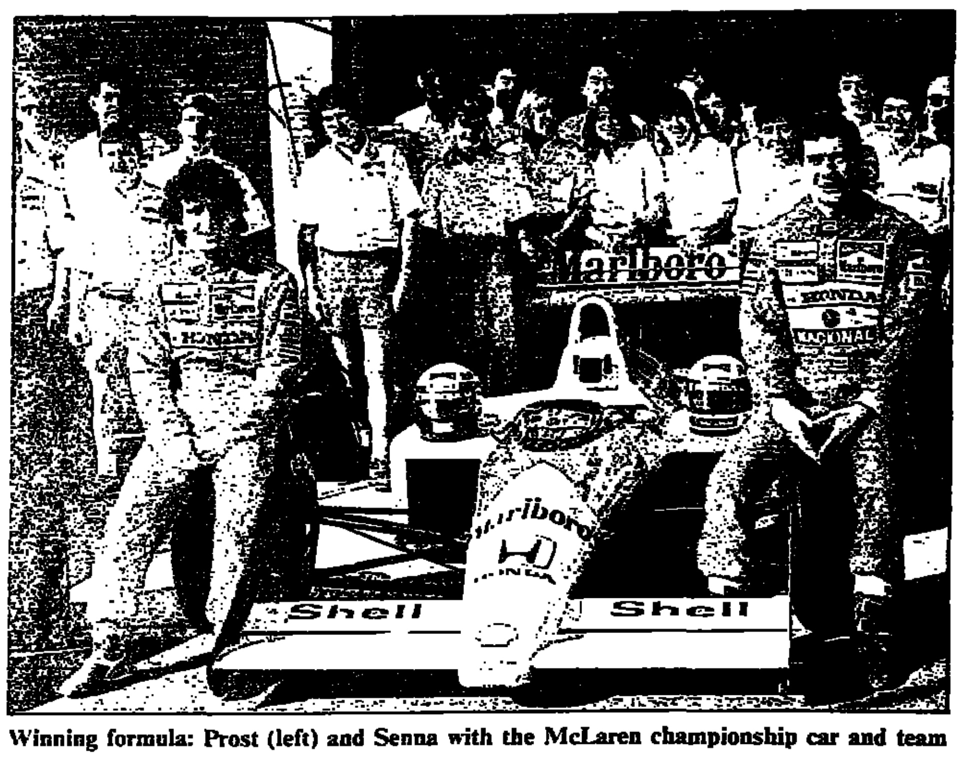
How Senna went for the gap...

Victory over team-mate Alain Prost in tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix would cap a magical season for Ayrton Senna. But, as **John Blunsden** reports, the McLaren mixture was not always so perfect



Winning formula: Prost (left) and Senna with the McLaren championship car and team

The grand prix scoring system cannot guarantee that every motor racing season produces its most worthy world champion, but this year it would have been the most grave injustice if the drivers' title had not gone to Ayrton Senna or Alain Prost. *As they prepare to complete* the season with tomorrow's Australian GP at Adelaide, Senna is already champion with 87 points. Prost has 84, and the next best is Gerhard Berger, of Ferrari, with 41.

Senna and Prost have been the dominant partnership in a year in which their team, McLaren International, has come close to performing a complete whitewash of its Formula One rivals.

The team's ambition to win all 16 races, a unique achievement, remained on course until the closing minutes of round 12, when Senna, cruising towards the chequered flag in the Italian Grand Prix, tangled with a back-marker and became stranded at the side of the track, handing the race to Berger's Ferrari. The season had been so one-sided until then that there was almost universal relief at the momentary setback, a reminder that human frailty can sometimes undermine the fortunes of even the most formidable of teams.

McLaren's strength is derived from the team's ability to attract massive financial resources and then to utilize them to provide the best possible facilities in every department. Philip Morris's Marlboro brand is the team's major and most visible sponsor, but five other companies also have exposure on the cars, and more support the team in other ways. All these arrangements are the subject of long-term commitments, giving the team financial stability.

The team's design and engineering resources at its palatial headquarters in Surrey (known as the "Woking Hilton") are the envy of all rivals, as are the two separate research and development teams that McLaren operates in conjunction with its Japanese engine partners, Honda.

But even in an age when technological input is of such importance, it is the driver who is the final instrument of success or failure. This is why Ron Dennis, McLaren's *commercial director, decided* last year to secure what he felt was the best available talent money could buy. He was already in the enviable position of having Prost, the most broadly talented of all Grand Prix drivers, on his pay-roll. It was no great surprise when he chose Senna to be his new partner, the Brazilian having already demonstrated a prodigious talent and a single-minded dedication to success. Yet the decision to put Prost and Senna together was a brave one.

Senna had been used to star treatment at Lotus; indeed, he had insisted on it, to the extent of influencing the choice of his own team-mate (he had vetoed Derek Warwick's candidature). Prost, understandably, as the highly successful incumbent (he had twice been world champion since joining McLaren), would not be expected to settle for second best. The undisguised animosity between Nelson Piquet and Nigel Mansell in the Williams team, after Mansell's skill in the cockpit had undermined Piquet's complacency, was a powerful enough reminder that the teaming of Senna with Prost could be explosive.

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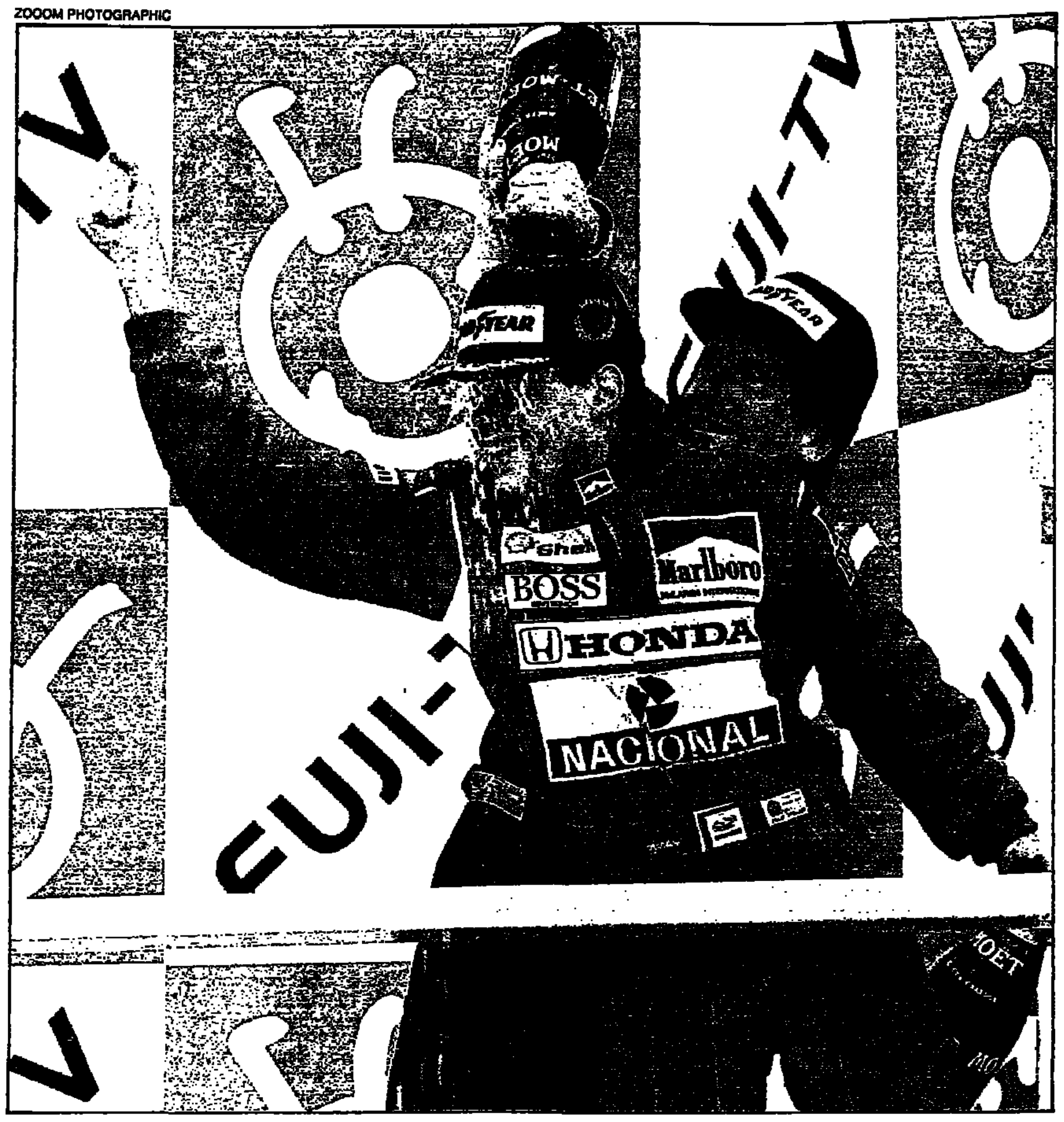

A sparkling season: Thierry Boutsen congratulates Senna on his victory in the Japanese Grand Prix — and the championship

In fact, the partnership has worked surprisingly well. Senna's early days with McLaren were difficult, but only because he was uncomfortable in the car, and so was unable to give his best during pre-season testing. This disturbed him considerably, but once his car had been fully tailored to him his integration into the team made rapid progress.

Prost, for his part, quickly lost any early reservations about his new partner. The more they tested together and exchanged observations, the more they came to respect each other's analytical abilities which, when confronted with creating and then sustaining the team's superiority, can often be as important as raw driving skill. When you are winning as consistently as McLaren has been, it tends to look all too simple. It never is, least of all in the Formula One, but it is due in no small measure to the positive working relationship between Prost and Senna that the illusion has been created.

They have developed this relationship despite big differences in temperament, disposition and outside interests. Prost is the family man, relaxed, amiable, forever with a smile on his face, highly intelligent and articulate. He is an easy mixer, happy to relax with his racing contemporaries in the swimming pool or on the tennis court or golf course. Senna, serious, tense and dedicated, is not a natural mixer in the paddock, but has infinite patience for anything or anybody capable of enhancing his performance. He enjoys operating radio-controlled model aircraft, but his strongest magnet in life is his close-knit family and girlfriend back home in Brazil, to whom he returns whenever he can.

> *'That man sees a gap that just isn't there and the next thing you know — he's through!'*

Although the results Prost and Senna achieve in a McLaren cockpit are broadly similar, their methods are as divergent as their personalities. Prost is a driver of almost ballet-like elegance; he makes his car flow rather than rush around the circuit. The outstanding product of the French racing drivers' school system, he was very quick even in the junior leagues, but the smoothness has evolved with his experience of Formula One, dating back to 1980. Jackie Stewart, the most prolific Grand Prix winner until Prost overtook his record of 27 wins last season (he now has 34 to his credit), says he is the most complete driver today. "Study him through a long corner, watch how little his hands move on the steering wheel, notice how slow he looks, then check his lap time. That will give you an idea just how much in command he is. He seems to have all the time in the world in which to react to anything, and that is something I only experienced in my last season of racing."

Senna, in contrast, seems to be forever extracting the last ounce of performance from every element of his car — engine, brakes, tyres, suspension. Listen carefully to his car through that same long corner and you will hear the engine note constantly changing as he performs a tap-dance on the

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throttle pedal, simultaneously working away on the steering wheel, balancing one against the other to achieve optimum cornering power. Martin Brundle, his closest rival in his Formula Three days, says that Senna has always driven that way, right on the knife-edge of adhesion. It is a technique which he developed in his karting days, when he was an international star long before he was old enough to graduate into car racing.

At 28, he is Prost's junior by five years and has been in Formula One only since 1984. So far he has 14 Grand Prix wins to his credit and all but six have been secured this season. He has already far outstripped Prost in his number of pole positions (28 from his first 77 races, compared with Prost's 18 from 136), which is testimony to his sprinting ability.

Another facet of racing which separates them is Senna's unrivalled ability to "go for a gap", something which Prost treats more circumspectly. Earlier this year, having been close behind Senna when the Brazilian performed one of his most audacious overtaking manoeuvres, Prost was moved to comment: "That man sees a gap that just isn't there and the next thing you know — he's through!"

It was a reverse of this situation, though, which brought the one tense moment between them during their first season as partners. Early in the Portuguese Grand Prix, when Prost made a run down the right side of Senna in order to take the lead, the gap tightened perilously as Senna's car suddenly twitched to the right with the two side by side close to the pit wall. Prost and Senna held their private debrief of the incident afterwards, and the team later did as much as possible to play it down, but it was apparent that both men were beginning to feel the tension of such a long and close-fought battle for the drivers' title, a contest which had seesawed between them throughout the season.

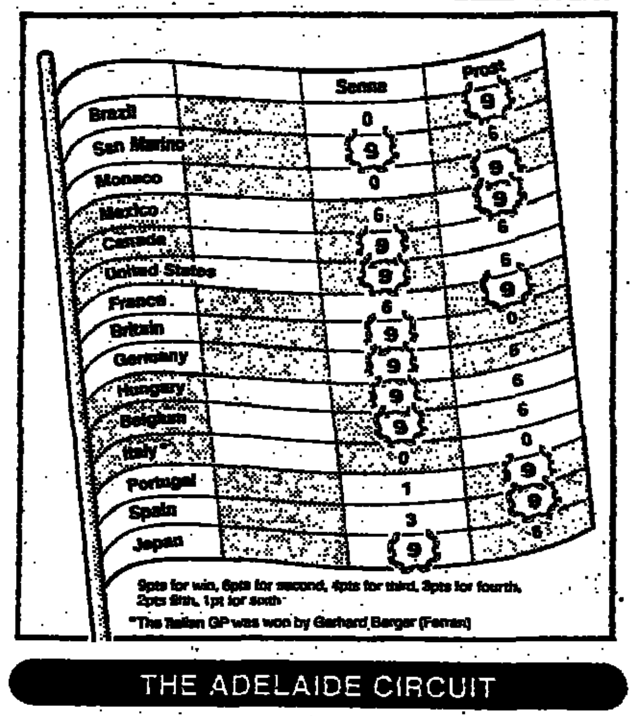
It had started in Prost's favour, after a mechanical problem on Senna's car in the opening race led to his enforced withdrawal. Then Senna aggravated his position by crashing out of a comfortable lead at Monaco (significantly, both this accident and the one which robbed him of victory in Italy occurred when the race had effectively been won and he was no longer driving at "ten-tenths", right on the limit, which is his natural way). The first half of the Brazilian's season was then spent catching up, though he was still trailing by 39 points to Prost's 54 when they arrived at Silverstone for the British Grand Prix. Prost found his car to be hopeless in the hazardously wet conditions that day, but Senna was in his element and began a run of four straight wins.

After the Belgian Grand Prix, he led Prost by 75 points to 72 and by seven wins to four, whereupon Prost virtually conceded the championship and even offered congratulations. Senna, though, was in no mood to celebrate, remarking that the battle was far from won. So it proved, because Prost, armed with a new chassis which felt right from its first race, was soon back on the trail, whereas Senna was entering a lean patch. No wonder the tension was increasing.

For the Japanese, of course, the chain of events could not have been more fortuitous because it meant that their grand prix, the penultimate round, would take the battle for the world championship to its climax.

Tomorrow's race may, therefore, be no more than a curtain-call; but the Senna and Prost Show will be taking it as a cue for an encore to the most convincing performance in decades.

SENNA-PROST SCORESHEET



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Brazil	0	9
San Marino	9	6
Monaco	0	9
Mexico	6	9
Canada	9	6
United States	9	6
France	6	9
Britain	9	0
Germany	9	6
Hungary	9	6
Belgium	9	6
Italy*	0	0
Portugal	1	9
Spain	3	9
Japan	9	6

9pts for win, 6pts for second, 4pts for third, 3pts for fourth, 2pts fifth, 1pt for sixth

*The Italian GP was won by Gerhard Berger (Ferrari)

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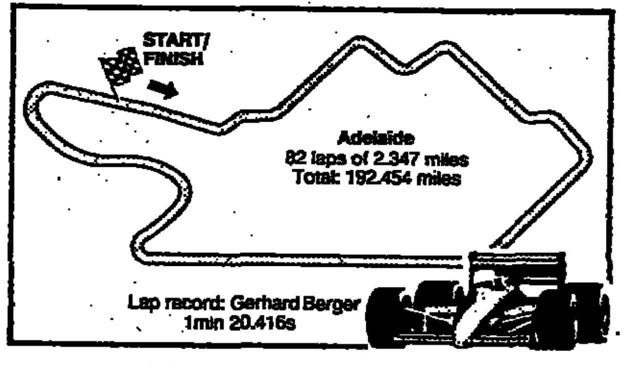

Lift-off: Johansson's Ligier is airborne after colliding with Perez's Minardi on the first day

Mansell uninhibited by memories of failure

By John Blunsden

Nigel Mansell, whose last visit to Adelaide ended in disappointment as his world championship hopes disappeared in a shower of sparks and flailing rubber, is back there in top form this weekend.

Third quickest ahead of his Canon-Williams team partner, Riccardo Patrese, he has only the McLaren-Hondas of Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna, the new title holder, ahead of his Judd-powered car on the provisional grid after the first day of qualifying for tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix.

So far, these four cars are the only ones to break the 1min 20sec barrier, and Prost, who ended the day just 0.15sec ahead of Senna, is still nearly one second slower than the pole position time set last year by Gerhard Berger, whose Ferrari is only fifth quickest prior to today's final qualifying period.

Derek Warwick also made a good start yesterday by setting the sixth best time in his Arrows-Megatron, but Britain's only other contestants, Tyrrell-Ford drivers Jonathan Palmer and Julian Bailey, had mixed fortunes. Palmer's time, giving him eighteenth place in the interim line-up, should be sufficient to ensure him of a place on the grid, but Bailey, 27th yesterday, has still to qualify.

The popular 2.35 miles street circuit has a long straight which favours the powerful turbos, but the long series of corners and short straights forming the remainder of the track, which tend to make Adelaide notoriously heavy on brakes, offers some compensating help to the lighter normally aspirated cars, as Mansell and Patrese have demonstrated. If Mansell can retain his third place in final qualifying he has the opportunity to make the season's final race an epic.

The March team has yet to find its true form and is languishing in twelfth and fifteenth places, while the Benettons need to improve on their seventh and eleventh places earned yesterday if they are to challenge the Williams.

This is the first race this year in which Prost and Senna will no longer carry the tension of their long battle for the championship, and they are out to enjoy themselves as well as to beat each other in what will be the last race for the 1½ litre turbos.

It was at Silverstone in 1977 that the turbos made their first and rather tenative appearance on the grand prix scene with Renault, but once their power advantage had been matched by reliability they became completely dominant and have won every race since the 1983 Detroit Grand Prix.

PRACTICE TIMES AND POSITIONS

FIRST QUALIFYING SESSION: 1, A Prost (Fr), McLaren, 1min 18.179sec (average speed 174.06 kph); 2, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1:18.332; 3, N Mansell (GB), Williams, 1:19.427; 4, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:19.925; 5, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:20.019; 6, D Warwick (GB), Arrows, 1:20.086; 7, A Nannini (It), Benetton, 1:20.331; 8, N Piquet (Br), Lotus, 1:20.477; 9, A Caffi (It), Dallara, 1:20.781; 10, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:20.844; 11, T Boutsen (Belgium), Benetton, 1:21.114; 12, I Capelli (It), March, 1:21.136; 13, E Cheever (US), Arrows, 1:21.393; 14, S Nakajima (Japan), Lotus, 1:21.542; 15, M Gugelmin (Br), March, 1:21.871; 16, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1:21.905; 17, A de Cesaris (It), Rial, 1:21.944; 18, J Palmer (GB), Tyrrell, 1:21.959; 19, S Modena (It), Euro Brun, 1:21.972; 20, P Streiff (Fr), AGS, 1:22.170; 21, P Ghinzani (It), Zakspeed, 1:22.348; 22, P Alliot (Fr), Lola, 1:22.420; 23, L Perez Sala (Sp), Minardi, 1:23.022; 24, P-H Raphanel (Fr), Lola, 1:23.393; 25, O Larrauri (Arg), Euro Brun, 1:23.413; 26, S Johansson (Swe), Ligier, 1:23.417; 27, J Bailey (GB), Tyrrell 1:23.530; 28, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier, 1:23.547; 29, G Tarquini (It), Coloni, 1:23.650; 30, B Schneider (WG), Zakspeed, 1:24.221.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 87pts (world champion); 2, Prost, 84; 3, Berger, 41; 4, Boutsen, 29; 5, Alboreto, 24; 6, Piquet, 16; equal 7, Nannini and Warwick, 15; 9, Capelli, 14; 10, Mansell, 12; equal 11, Cheever, Gugelmin, Palmer and Patrese, 5; 15, de Cesaris, 3; equal 16, Martini and Nakajima, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Honda, 184pts (world champions); 2, Ferrari, 65; 3, Benetton-Ford, 44; 4, Arrows-Megatron, 20; 5, March-Judd, 19; equal 6, Lotus-Honda and Williams-Judd, 17; 8, Tyrrell-Ford, 5; 9, Rial-Ford, 3; 10, Minardi-Ford, 1.

GOLF

Strange stuns his peers by the quality of his play

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Pebble Beach

Curtis Strange will be hard-pressed to produce the better round of golf than the 64 with which he propelled himself ahead in the Nabisco World Championships of Golf here on the Pebble Beach course.

Strange, the US Open champion, certainly agrees with that assessment and he had little hesitation in nominating the 64 as the finest round of his career.

"It wasn't so much the ball going in the hole as it was the quality of the shots and the direction they went," he explained. "There was a feeling of total control and it started right from the first tee."

Strange, of course, has had lower scores, including a 62 in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews last year. He also compiled a 62 in the Pensacola Open in 1979, going on to win for the first time on the US PGA Tour.

He added: "Pebble Beach is a tougher golf course than St Andrews. I'll never forget my 62 there but for pure ball striking this was better. When I finished I felt so good I wanted to rush back to the first tee and get on with the second round."

The 62 at St Andrews set a record for the Old Course. The 64 here on Thursday did not do the same for Pebble Beach. Tom Kite, another American, is the proud owner of that with a 62 scored in the 1983 Crosby tournament, when winter rules were in operation. What it did for Strange was to launch him towards the prospect of leap-frogging six golfers, including Sandy Lyle, and retaining his position at the top of the US money list.

Twelve months ago Strange finished No. 1 when he established a new record for official winnings with £925,941. He is one of a dozen players competing this week who by winning would take their earnings past the $1 million mark.

Yet each and every one of them, including Lyle, was in awe of Strange following the Virginian's majestic first round in which he did not mark a five on his card. He gathered six birdies and an eagle two at the 11th, where he holed a shot of 131 yards with an eight iron.

Mark Calcavecchia, who played with Strange, said: "I played the first two rounds of the US Open with Curtis and he was hitting the ball better today than then. This was the finest round of golf I've ever seen played from tee to green. He kept hitting his iron shots stiff, shot after shot for 18 holes."

FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 64: C Strange. 67: K Green. 68: J Sindelaar. 69: R Tway, S Verplank, B Lietzke, J Haas, D Frost (SA). 70: J Mudd, S Hoch, M O'Meara, S Pate, M Calcavecchia. 71: G Koch, P Jacobsen, C Beck. 72: S Lyle (GB), D Pohl, M Reid, J Sluman, T Kite, L Wadkins, B Crenshaw.

Favourites kept at bay in downpour

From Patricia Davies, Madrid

It was a day to keep the waterproof manufacturers and the umbrella advertisers happy but even the ducks looked miserable as the rain in Spain moved from the plane and concentrated on the course at La Moraleja on the second day of the Benson and Hedges Trophy yesterday.

Suzanne Strudwick and Andrew Stubbs, the overnight leaders on six under par, stayed ahead with a 69 that gave them a total of 135, nine under. They splashed to a bogey five at the first but they kept afloat with birdie threes at the seventh and eighth and moved to eight under overall with another birdie three at the 13th.

Further birdies followed at the 16th and 17th, where Stubbs first chipped in from 15 yards, then holed a putt of 15 feet. He missed a four-foot putt at the last to drop a shot.

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya and Mark McNulty, the favourites, ended the day in second place, two shots behind, after a 68 that contained only one blemish: an ugly bogey six at the 12th, where they both topped shots.

Marie Wennersten-From, the most pregnant member of the women's tour at nearly six months, ignored the kicks of her incipient offspring to help Mats Lanner to a 69 and a total of 141, three under par.

Lanner, apparently, did all the heavy work, while his partner excelled on the greens, which held up well under the downpour. Some other parts of the course did not fare so well and one player, taking relief from casual water, dropped her ball twice only to see it plug twice.

LEADING SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 135: A Stubbs and S Strudwick, 66, 69. 137: M McNulty (Zim) and M-L Taya (Fr), 69, 68. 140: K Waters and B Helbig (WG), 70, 70. 141: M Lanner and M Wennersten-From (both Swe), 72, 69; B Longmuir and F Descampe (Bel), 71, 70; D Cooper and P Conley (US), 74, 67. 142: A Sherborne and K Douglas, 70, 72; T Horton and S Gronberg (Swe), 72, 70; J Rivero and X Wunsch (both Sp), 71, 71; S Bottomley and F Dassu (It), 68, 74; C Mason and C Griffiths, 70, 72. 143: J-M Canizares and T Abitbol (both Sp) 67, 76; M Pinero and M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), 72, 71. 144: P Thomas and J Connachan, 73, 71.

Brand's lead is halved

Adelaide (Reuter) — Gordon Brand Jnr, the British Ryder Cup player, faltered slightly under pressure from Wayne Grady, while Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, moved up with a course record 62, in the third round of the South Australian Open championship here.

Brand, the leader after every round, returned his second successive 69 but saw his four-shot lead halved by Grady, who won the Australian PGA title last Sunday.

With one round to play on the Grange Club's picturesque seaside course, Brand is eight under par with a total of 202. Grady, after a 67, is on 204 with Nobilo, who won the PLM Open in Sweden in August, and Australia's Greg Alexander equal third on 205.

Brand dropped two shots at the par-four 15th, where he missed a two-foot putt. "I hit more fairways today and was cruising until the double bogey," he said. "Now I've come back to everyone else. It hasn't made my day but it's made for a more interesting day tomorrow."

● TEMBA, Japan (Reuter) — Severiano Ballesteros is four strokes behind the little-known Japanese player, Yoshiyuki Isomura, after two rounds of the Taiheiyo Masters. Isomura defied blustery conditions to score his second successive round of 69. The first round leader, Brian Jones, of Australia, dropped back with a 76.

SNOOKER

Hearn speaks out against WPBSA

By Steve Acteson

While the rest of snooker decided yesterday to observe the maxim that silence is golden, Barry Hearn continued to roar bewildered defiance at the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, even though muteness had, on Thursday, cost seven of his Matchroom players £34,000 in fines.

That was the price of deliberately flouting rule 14 of the Association by refusing to attend Press conferences at the Rothmans Grand Prix last month. Steve Davis, the world champion, who won the event and therefore refused more Press conferences than his colleagues, received the highest fine, £12,000, a sum that only Alex Higgins has equalled in the disciplinary stakes.

Hearn's rival managers, Howard Kruger and Ian Doyle, who would not normally miss the chance to criticize Hearn, decided yesterday to err on the side of a discreet "no comment". Equally, the WPBSA had nothing further to add following the judgment made by the independent arbitrator, Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, against Matchroom.

Hearn, however, who has decided to take an appeal to the High Court, no matter how much extra cost might be involved, said yesterday: "Let's get it into court as soon as possible where I'm sure we can rectify the situation. It would be well short of the mark to say I was surprised by the decision; I was totally shocked."

None of the Matchroom players attended the hearing, which may have affected Lightman's decision. They were represented by a QC.

Hearn added, however: "I thought they would be fined about £500 each. We pleaded guilty, but obviously, as in other sports, we expected some sort of consistency in disciplinary action. That was clearly a misplaced thought.

"If a player does not turn up to a tournament at all he is fined £200 as a matter of course. I would have thought that not talking to the media was somewhat less serious than that."

Davis grinds out lead

Steve Davis put his off-table troubles behind him as he opened his defence of the Tennents UK Professional championship at Preston yesterday afternoon (a Special Correspondent writes).

The world champion started out yesterday afternoon against Warren King, of Australia, in typical fashion, grinding out a 2-0 lead. However, King gave Davis a taste of his own medicine in the next frame and after half an hour had pulled one back.

It promised to be a long drawn-out contest, unlike the game between Mike Hallett and Martin Clark, who rattled off six frames in an hour.

Hallett opened up a 2-0 lead with the help of a break of 80 but Clark, also with an 80 break, had levelled at 3-3 by late afternoon.

Cliff Thorburn, the former world champion, is another who has had off-table problems but he showed no ill-effects of his two-match ban as he went into a 4-0 lead against a fellow Canadian, Alain Robidoux.

TENNIS

McEnroe beats Lendl

From Richard Evans, Stuttgart

As soon as Ivan Lendl lost the first set to John McEnroe here in the final stage of round robin play at the Stuttgart Classic, the former world No. 1 was eliminated from this dollar-laden special event that will be beamed to 36 nations via satellite television over the weekend.

As McEnroe is assured of a place in the knock-out semi-finals today, the organizer, Ion Tiriac, is not too disturbed at losing one of the biggest names he has gathered here for an event that has produced a higher standard of tennis than the cynics might have expected.

True, McEnroe and Lendl were allowing the occasional exotic shot to leap from a repertoire that would have been kept under tighter control had this been a grand prix tournament.

But neither of these highly competitive performers enjoys losing to the other and McEnroe needed to come up with his best serves on big points on numerous occasions during a tight first set that saw the New Yorker save four break points in the first game and three more in the eleventh. He then went on to win a close-fought tie-break by seven points to five.

Lendl's failure to qualify for the semi-finals has increased the already high level of local interest because it ensures that the rapidly improving Stuttgarter, Carl-Uwe Steeb, who beat Lendl in straight sets on Thursday, goes through to the last four.

Despite a couple of defiant blows from Lendl, including a superb backhand service return pass, McEnroe won the second tie-break by seven points to four to complete an impressive 7-6, 7-6 victory.

FOOTBALL: ARSENAL'S CHARGE TO THE TOP SHOULD CONTINUE AT NEWCASTLE

London's challenge gains pace

By Clive White

Despite their failure to get past Liverpool at the second attempt in midweek, there is a growing concensus, nationwide, that Arsenal have what it takes to win their first championship in 18 years. The fact that they should even be expected to win a tie against Liverpool is in itself a comment on the worthiness of their challenge.

Liverpool have always been the yardstick by which George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has measured his team's progress. And while there can be little doubt that we have yet to see Liverpool pulling themselves up their full height, Arsenal have grown up appreciably this season.

Today they go to St James' Park, fully expecting to take the three points from struggling Newcastle United which could halve the gap between themselves and Norwich City, the league leaders.

It is doubtful whether the Arsenal team of the last two seasons would have won so emphatically as the present one did at Nottingham Forest last Sunday, when the nation's armchair audience saw them rip Brian Clough's own promising young side apart with a devastating second-half display.

It was as ruthless as some of Graham's management decisions, most of which have been proved to be justified. His decision to relegate first Sansom and then O'Leary to the reserves at a time when both players still figured at international level were bold ones that could have made him look rather foolish if things had gone awry at the start of the season.

Graham was criticised last season for not breaking the bank in order to find a prolific goalscoring partner for Smith. As a Scot he may be naturally shrewd, but such a quality in a football manager is to be admired rather than despised these days.

Besides, he has still forced himself to part with £1.4 million of the club's money this year and typically got three for the price of one — Dixon, Bould and Marwood. They have proved exceptionally good value for money. While the first two have displaced the internationals already mentioned, Marwood has rekindled his own international aspirations since coming to Highbury.

As well as giving Arsenal a new creative dimension with his orthodox wing play, Marwood has contributed eight goals of his own. Graham's assertion last season that Smith was just plain unlucky in front of goal now looks a fair one; Smith leads the first division scorers with 14 goals, only two less than he scored in the whole of last season. If Merson, his partner, has been less prolific than Graham would have liked, he, too, seems to have acquired greater maturity in his play this season.

Much of the credit for making Arsenal the division's leading scorers goes inevitably to midfield, even though it has been deprived of the creative genius of Davis, because of suspension, for the past five games. In his absence, Thomas and Rocastle have shouldered the extra responsiblity without flinching. Indeed, the forceful Thomas seems ready for promotion to the England team.

Thomas and Rocastle, like five of their colleagues, have been ever present this season, and today Graham fields an unchanged side for the seventh successive game. Championship-winning teams are built upon such continuity, as Liverpool will verify.

Sustained runs of success are another hallmark of champions, and in this respect Arsenal still need to eradicate the odd hiccup such as the home defeat by Aston Villa

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

Charlton v Everton

Charlton expect to be without Pates (stomach strain). Gritt will deputize. Williams, Mortimer and Lee should shrug off minor injuries. Everton are likely to be unchanged but add Pointon, McDonald and Adams to their squad.

Derby v Man Utd

Derby are hopeful that Blades (concussion) will pass a fitness test but Sage (knee) is doubtful. Anderson has recovered from injury and is poised to return to the United defence which is without Gibson, who has a serious knee problem. Sharpe is preferred to Olsen.

Liverpool v Millwall

Rush (thigh strain) is again missing for Liverpool, as is Venison (groin). Barnes (groin) faces a late fitness test. Hooper continues in goal. Stephenson, the £275,000 signing from Newcastle is included in the Millwall squad and could make his debut.

Middlesbrough v QPR

Davenport, the £700,000 signing from Manchester United, makes his home debut for Middlesbrough. Ardiles is likely to be named as a substitute for QPR following his recovery from injury.

Newcastle v Arsenal

Roeder is poised to play his first match of the season following injury for Newcastle, for whom Mirandinha is also likely to return. Arsenal add Quinn to their squad but expect to be unchanged for the seventh successive game.

Norwich v Sheff Wed

Taylor, aged 35, the forward, is included in the Norwich squad and could return to first division action for the first time in over eight years. Rosario (shoulder) and Crook (calf) are sidelined but Fleck, Bowen and Townsend all return. Wednesday give fitness tests to Cranson, Megson and Varadi but are optimistic about their chances of playing. Hirst returns to the squad.

Southampton v Aston Villa

Southampton are unchanged which means there are no places for Clarke and Rideout, both recently recovered from injury. Spink is expected to return in goal following a thumb injury for Villa who include the two Grays, Andy and Stuart, in their squad.

West Ham v Nott'm Forest

Martin and Dickens are poised to return for West Ham but Stewart (hamstring) is ruled out. Livett, a teenager who is the leading scorer in the reserves, is included in the senior squad for the first time. Crosby returns to the Forest side following injury but Webb is still absent. Laws is back in the squad.

Over 26 is past it for Bradford

Terry Dolan, the manager of struggling Bradford City, has been told by Jack Tordoff, the club chairman, that he can not sign any player over the age of 26 as he tries to bolster a flagging team (Martin Searby writes). The extraordinary caveat has been imposed as Dolan urgently seeks a forward for a side which has scored only seven goals in eight home League games.

Tordoff is unapologetic about a restriction which has rarely if ever, been publicly imposed on a manager. "We want players approaching their peak, not past it," he explained. "If the manager can't do it, that is his problem.

In the past, Bradford have had too many players at the end of their careers taking a lot of money out of the club

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

PASADENA, California: US Open championships: Men's singles, third round: Sze Yu (Aus) bt Inoue (Japan), 15-7, 15-7; J Thomsen (Den) bt F Rivera (US), 15-2, 15-5; Liu Jun (China) bt Lee Kwang Jin (S Korea), 15-4, 15-7; M Sidek (Mal) bt Ahn Jae-Chang (S Korea), 15-4, 15-7; Phyun Kwang Min (S Korea) bt P Padukone (India), 15-9, 11-15, 15-8; S Butler (GB) bt Choe Sang Bum (S Korea), 15-9, 17-15; Bae Sang Yong (S Korea) bt Zheng Shoutai (China), 15-12, 15-9; L Pongoh (Indo) bt M Desjardins (Can), 15-4, 15-2.

TENNIS

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Singles: Second round: M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Smith (US), 7-5, 6-2; A Grossman (US) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 6-3, 6-3; Z Garrison (US) bt P Louie-Harper (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Evert (US) bt R Fairbank (US), 6-0, 6-0; H Sukova (Cz) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

GUANGZHOU, China: China Challenger tournament: Quarter-finals: Kim Bong-Soo (S Korea) bt Zhang Jiuhua (China), 6-2, 6-3; Ro Gap-Taik (S Korea) bt S Vasudevan (India), 7-5, 6-4; P Carter (Aus) bt S Barr (Aus), 1-6, 6-1, 7-6; R Whichello (GB) bt S Devries (US), 5-7, 7-6, 6-7.

BUENOS AIRES: Argentinian open championship: Men's singles: Second round: C Costa (Sp) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 7-5, 6-2; J Berger (US) bt D Perez (Uru), 5-7, 7-6, 6-2; G Perez Roldan bt J Clavet (Sp), 6-1, 6-2.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: First day: Melbourne: Victoria 198 (D Tazelaar 5-25, J Maguire 4-21). Queensland 108 for 2 (T Barsby 61no). Hobart: Tasmania 213, Western Australia six for 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston Rockets 108, Utah Jazz 92; Denver Nuggets 135, Portland Trail Blazers 115.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Second round, second leg: Aris Salonika 105, SBBK Stockholm 82 (Salonika win 190-175 on agg); CSKA Moscow 87, Balkan Botevgrad (Bul) 68 (CSKA win 190-148 on agg); Saturn Cologne 73, Nashua Den Bosch (Neth) 85 (Den Bosch win 178-180 on agg); Barcelona 94, Kotkan Kotka (Fin) 74 (Barcelona win 181-152 on agg); Limoges (Fr) 129, Zbrojovka Brno (Cz) 54 (Limoges win 240-141 on agg); Scavolini Pesaro (It) 108, Partizani (Albania) 84 (Scavolini win 192-156 on agg); Barcelona 94, Kotkan (Fin) 74 (Barcelona win 181-152 on agg); Maccabi Tel Aviv 93, Ostend 91 (Maccabi win 197-182 on agg).

KORAC CUP: Second round, second leg: Varese (It) 91, Panathinaikos Athens 73 (Varese win 167-152 on agg).

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Second round, second leg: Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 82, Galatasaray (Tur) 62 (Dynamo win 192-120 on agg); Sport Egyesulet Budapest 73, Vysoke Skoly Prague 65 (Vysoke win 153-145 on agg); Alstarac Mirande (Fr) 69, Idrottsforening Solna (Swe) 57 (Mirande win 145-135 on agg); Primigi Vicenza (It) 79, Caixa Tarragona (Sp) 61 (Primigi win 150-120 on agg); Birsfelden (Switz) 49, Jedinstvo-Aida (Yug) 109 (Jedinstvo-Aida win 222-107 on agg).

BOXING

STATELINE, Nevada: USBA heavyweight championship: Carl Williams (holder) bt Mike Rouse, ko, 3rd.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 107, Hertfordshire 130.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flames 3, Philadelphia Flyers 2; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 1 (OT); Washington Capitals 4, Quebec Nordiques 1; St Louis Cardinals 5, Minnesota North Stars 5 (OT); Los Angeles Kings 7, Hartford Whalers 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS LEAGUE: Second division south: Tennents Riverside 2, Patrick Exeter 3; Glenbrae Bromley 1, Fosters Stripes 4; Lingfield 5, Portsmouth 0.

GOLF

TALLAHASEE, Florida: PGA Classic tournament: First round (US unless stated): 65: L Ten Broeck. 66: B Langher (WG), B Baugh. 67: L Roberts, K Knox, R Mediate, B Glasson, P Blackmar, C Perry.

ADELAIDE: South Australian Open championship (Australian unless stated): Third round: 202: G Brand jnr (GB), 64, 69, 69. 204: W Grady, 68, 69, 67. 205: F Nobilo (NZ), 73, 70, 62; G Alexander, 68, 69, 68. 206: L Stephen, 71, 68, 67. 207: W Smith, 70, 71, 66. 209: A Gilligan, 70, 71, 68; J Brallenthin (US), 73, 69, 67. 210: B Hughes, 73, 70, 67; B Officer, 71, 69, 70. Other: 213: R Rafferty (Ire), 72, 71, 70; R Boxall (GB), 72, 68, 73. 214: H Clark (GB), 74, 67, 73. 219: A Stevens (GB), 75, 71, 73.

GOTEMBA, Japan: Taiheiyo Masters tournament (Japanese unless stated): Second round: 138: Y Isomura, 69, 69. 142: S Ballesteros (Sp), 71, 71; N Yuhara, 69, 73. 143: T Nakamura, 71, 72; S Kawamata, 73, 70. Other: 144: J-M Olazabal (Sp), 72, 72. 147: P Baker (GB), 72, 75.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Uruguay 3, Chile 1.

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, second leg: Real Madrid 3, Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 2 (Real Madrid win 4-2 on agg).

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Victoria Bucharest 1, Dynamo Minsk 0 (agg 2-2. Bucharest win on away-goal rule); Belenenses (Por) 0, Velez Mostar (Yug) 0 (aet; agg 0-0. Velez won 4-3 on pens).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich 2, Derby 0; Huddersfield 1, Barnsley 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Trophy. Third round: North Devon 2, Cardiff 5.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Lille: France 28, Argentina 18.

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 2nd XV 27, St Thomas's Hospital 33.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Downside 10, Monmouth 3; Queen's, Taunton 7, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol 0; St Mary's, Sidcup 6, Colfe's 19.

BILLIARDS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Strachan UK professional championship: Final: M Russell (Marske) bt R Close (Hartlepool), 7-0.

HOCKEY

DELHI: Junior world cup: Asian zone qualifying tournament: Japan 4, China 2; Malaysia 2, Oman 1.

YACHTING

Women's choices confirmed

By Barry Pickthall

The International Yacht Racing Union yesterday confirmed the Una-rigged Europe single hander dinghy and the Lechner 390 sailboard as the boats to be sailed in the two women's disciplines to be introduced at the 1992 Olympic Games.

These decisions uphold the recommendation of the women's committee, overturning the views of the Union's all-male class policy and organization committee, which had voted to adopt the Laser single-hander and Mistral sailboard.

The Union also approved a new charter to govern sponsorship and advertising. Events will now be categorized into one of three groupings. With category A events, individual advertising on boats and clothing is barred, although in a controversial vote yesterday, the union chose to allow organizers to compel the display of the logo or name of the event's sponsor on hulls.

Category B events will allow competitors to display limited advertising on clothing and equipment, leaving a third category for exceptional events which must first gain approval from the IYRU's executive committee to be allowed to expand advertising.

In the aftermath of the I-Punkt affair, which left the IYRU in the embarrassing position of welcoming the banned Austrian yachtsman, Hubert Raudaschl, as a flag bearer and a competitor to this year's Olympic Games, the union is to set up an international tribunal to enforce future bans imposed by national authorities, worldwide.

Another scandal that surfaced during the past year involving false claims of the French round-the-world yachtsman, Phillipe Monnet, has led the union to form a full committee to ratify future record claims.

Olympic Classes for the 1992 Games are: Soling and Star keel boats, men and women 470 events, Flying Dutchman and Finn dinghies, men and women Lechner 390 sailboard events and women's Europe single hander events.

IN BRIEF

Shirra fails test

Mitch Shirra, the New Zealand speedway rider, has been ordered to appear before the sport's governing body after failing two drugs tests during the past four months. Shirra, who rides for Reading in the British League, tested positive at the World Championship Overseas Final in July and the World Pairs Final a month later.

Hanley in charge

Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain rugby league captain, will lead his his club, Wigan, replacing Shaun Edwards.

Best for juniors

Dick Best, the Harlequins and London Division coach, was named in charge of the England under-21 side by the RFU yesterday. Tony Russ, of Saracens, will be his assistant and will also coach the Combined England Students.

Padukone upset

Phyun Kwang Min, of South Korea, surprisingly beat Prakash Padukone, of India, the third seed, in the third round of US Open badminton championship in Pasadena, California, yesterday. Steve Butler, of Britain, beat another South Korean, Choe Sang Bum, to go into the last 16.

Pully complaint

Pully, the Swiss side, have complained to the International Basketball Federation following an alleged attack on two players by AEK Athens supporters before Tuesday's European Cup Winners' Cup match in Greece. AEK won on aggregate. The federation will decide by November 19 on the protest.

Three-way tie

Oxford, Cambridge and London Universities play a women's lacrosse triangular at Motspur Park, Surrey, today to choose the season's combined side.

Martin positive

Gael Martin, the 1984 Olympic bronze medal winner in the women's shot, was banned from powerlifting for three years yesterday for testing positive for anabolic steroids.

RUGBY UNION: ARMISTICE DAY IN WHICH WAR BREAKS OUT ON THE FIELD AT LILLE AND IN THE CORRIDORS OF WHITE POWER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Ringland returns to fitness for Ulster

By George Ace

A visit to a physiotherapist yesterday removed lingering doubts about Trevor Ringland's fitness for today's inter-provincial match against Leinster at Ravenhill. The Ulster and Ireland right wing has been having treatment during the past 10 days for a hamstring injury to the left leg.

"I picked up the injury against Western Samoa but the physiotherapy treatment I have been having daily since has done the trick," Ringland said.

The absence of Neil Francis from the Leinster second row is a body blow and while his replacement, Michael Gibson, is no slouch, Francis and Wrigley have devleloped a fine understanding and are the best provincial second row partnership in the country.

The withdrawal of Francis is counter-balanced by Philip Matthews's defection from the Ulster side and another London Irish player comes on as replacement. He is Don Whittle, capped against France last season.

Whittle is no Matthews but after a tardy game against Connacht, he really showed his paces in the Western Samoa match.

Ulster have beaten Leinster in the *last four seasons*, during which they have won the provincial title three times and shared it last year with Munster. They have dropped only one point in the last 13 provincial matches, a draw against Munster last year at Ravenhill.

Connacht meet Munster in Cork. The form book points to a Munster win but the men from the West will give a good account of themselves.

ULSTER: C Wilkinson (Malone); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (London Irish), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); M Reynolds (Malone), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), D Whittle (London Irish), C Morrison (Malone), J Rogers (Bangor), D McBride (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon).

LEINSTER: F Dunlea (Lansdowne); J Sexton (Lansdowne), B Mullin (London Irish), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), P Purcell (Lansdowne); P Dean (St Mary's College, capt), F Aherne (Lansdowne); N Popplewell (Greystones), N Kearney (Old Wesley), D Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), C Pim (Old Wesley), M Gibson (London Irish), B Rigney (Bective Rangers), P Kenny (Wanderers), D Fanning (St Mary's College).

Referee: B Smyth (Munster).

France continue the forward march of their musclemen

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Lille

France	28
Argentina	18

Argentina have yet to win an international in France. At the Stadium Nord here yesterday they never threatened to repeat their home series success against France of the summer despite the accuracy of Turnes's kicking, and went down by three goals, a try and two penalty goals to five penalties and a dropped goal.

There was an Armistice Day parade in the centre of Lille in the morning, commemorating the outbreak of peace. The same feelings did not extend to the players in the afternoon, since the first 10 minutes produced a flailing fight between Loffreda and Marocco which caused the French hooker so much distress that he had to be replaced by Arthapignet.

That, in itself, was significant. The French approach these days is based so much on muscle that they felt able to replace a specialist with a man who plays second row or No. 8, prepared to concede the odd heel against the head, but adding to the lineout from which many French tactics spring.

Just as they did in the first international in Nantes a week ago, the French drove remorselessly into the heart of the Argentine defence through their back five forwards. Not tremendously subtle, but when one side dominates the lineout as much as France did in the first half-hour, it works.

There were other casualties, too. Both open-side flankers received treatment and Argentina's hooker, Angellilo, did not last the match. He limped off just after the interval when France led 13-9, leaving a match which bore almost no resemblance to the sparkling, flowing contest we had witnessed at Twickenham the previous weekend.

France took an early advantage: Rodriguez, ploughing down the blind side of a scrum, seemed held but suddenly there was little Sanz skipping into the corner. Argentina were at sixes and sevens, *dependent largely on* Madero's long clearances to keep out of trouble, and on Turnes to kick goals.

So effective was the centre at the latter chore that his second successful kick crossed the bar from three metres inside his own half. That took Argentina to 7-6 but still they had no base from which to construct a game. If France were not pumping large muscular men down the middle they were pumping up steepling high kicks, mostly from Mesnel or Blanco, which caused Scolni no end of embarrassment.

The second French try was the perfect illustration of their first tactic. Rodriguez, standing out of a lineout, stormed *into the Argentine 22*, Lorieux and Sanz took up the running, before Champ sent Cecillon over. The third try illustrated France's other tactic. Mesnel's kick took an age to descend and when it did Andrieu plucked it from Scolni and crossed near the posts.

Argentina's tackling did not flag and Turnes kept hope alive. Madero dropped a fine high goal behind a lineout but there was never a prospect of seeing whether the Argentine threequarters had anything to offer. Blanco, in his 63rd *international, did. Scudding* across field, he rolled a splendidly accurate ball into touch just short of the try line, but the Argentine forwards held up exceptionally well. Melodramatic Blanco may sometimes be, but he, at least, remains an artist.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Sanz, Cecillon, Andrieu, Sella. Conversions: Bérot (3). Penalties: Bérot (2). Argentina: Penalties: Turnes (5). Dropped goal: Madero.

FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); P Bérot (Agen), P Sella (Agen), M Andrieu (Nimes), P Lagisquet (Bayonne); F Mesnel (Racing Club de France), H Sanz (Narbonne); L Armary (Lourdes), P Marocco (Montferrand) (rep: P Arthapignet, Tarbes), P Ondarts (Biarritz), E Champ (Toulon), A *Lorieux (Aix-Les-Bains), J Condom (Biarritz)*, M Cecillon (Bourgoin), L Rodriguez (Dax, capt).

ARGENTINA: A Scolni (Alumni); D Cuesta-Silva (SIC) (rep: S Salvat, Alumni), F Turnes (Banco Nacion), M Loffreda (SIC), C Mendy (Los Tilos); R Madero (SIC), F Suarez-Gaché (SIC); S Dengra (San Martin), J-J Angelillo (SIC) (rep: D Gonzalez, San Luis), D Cash (SIC), P Garreton (Tucuman), A Iachetti (Hindu), E Branca (CASI), J Allen (CASI, capt), G Milano (Rosario).

Referee: A McNeil (Australia).

Resuming acquaintance

Rory Underwood, who scored two tries for England against Australia at Twickenham last week, will meet the Wallabies for the third time on the current tour when he plays for the Combined Services at Aldershot on November 22, the final week of the British stage of the tour (David Hands writes). He is the only international in the XV.

The side will be led by Steele, the Northampton stand-off half, and will include Ryan, the Saracens No. 8, who like Underwood, has already encountered the Australians twice.

The services have also selected two Scottish forwards, Graham, the Stirling County prop, and Wainwright, the tall flanker who is at Cambridge University.

COMBINED SERVICES: Lt C Alcock (Royal Navy); *POPT R Penfold (Royal Navy)*, Sgt C Spowart (Army), SAC P Hull (RAF), FO R Underwood (RAF); Lt J Steele (Army, captain), Staff Sgt G Morgan (Army); L Cpl G Graham (Army), WO2 R Matthews (Army), SAC A Billett (RAF), Sgt M Roece (Royal Navy), Cpl C Hall (Army), Sgt B Richardson (RAF), Officer Cdt R Wainwright (Army), L Cpl D Ryan (Army). Replacements: Cpl S Roke (RAF), Flt Lt M Sibley (RAF), Capt C Harvey (Army), Cpl D Parsonage (RAF), CPOWEA M Sheldon (Royal Navy), C Cip S Melbourne (Royal Navy).

SARB cut off all links with ANC

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South Africa's chances of gaining re-entry to international rugby with the aid of the outlawed African National Congress appeared to have been dashed yesterday when the white-dominated South African Rugby Board promised never to talk to the black nationalist guerrilla movement again.

An obviously embittered Dr Danie Craven, the board's 78-year-old president, who met ANC officials in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, on October 15, told his colleagues after announcing their decision to the Press: "I will be watching you. I want to warn you that the only way to Africa will be through the ANC."

In Harare Dr Craven and Louis Luyt, a millionaire Afrikaner businessman and president of the Transvaal Rugby Football Union, signed an agreement under which the ANC promised to "use its good offices" to get the international boycott of South African rugby lifted once a new non-racial controlling body for the sport had been formed here.

At an extraordinary meeting of the SARB's 11-man executive committee in Cape Town yesterday it was resolved that the "unification of the existing rugby organizations" should be "vigorously pursued", but also that "any further contact with political organizations or organizations committed to violence of whatever nature must be avoided".

Dr Ebrahim Patel, an attorney of Indian origin, who heads the rival and mainly black South African Rugby Union, said yesterday that he would not comment until he had received an official communication from the SARB. But it seems most unlikely that he would want to pursue the merger talks after the SARB's disavowal of Dr Craven's Harare initiative.

In addition to banning further contacts with the ANC, the SARB has transferred responsibility for conducting the unification talks from Dr Craven to his extremely conservative vice-president, Professor Fritz Eloff, who publicly condemned the approach to the ANC soon after Dr Craven returned from Harare.

Dr Craven survives as president of the board, but with a diminished role. Another of his pet projects, the Gondwanaland Rugby Union, which is intended to bring together African and Latin American rugby-playing nations, has been taken from him and assigned to Professor Johan Claassen, a former Springbok captain and now rugby chief in the Western Transvaal.

The Harare meeting between Dr Craven and the ANC caused a huge furore last month and became an issue in the Government's bitterly fought campaign against the far-right Conservative Party for control of white municipal councils. F. W. de Klerk, the Minister of National Education and Sport, made clear that such contacts were unacceptable to the Government.

Rugby is followed with almost religious fervour by much of the male Afrikaner population, to which nearly all members of the Government belong. The game celebrates its centenary in South Africa next year and hopes of a visit by a World XV would seem to be shattered.

The International Rugby Board in London welcomed Dr Craven's ANC initiative as a courageous move last month, and the conspicuous failure of his own board to support him seems certain to mean that the boycott will now be applied even more vigorously than before.

Public warning: Dr Craven points a finger at the SARB

CRICKET

Amarnath denies role in rebel tour

From Javed Akhtar
Bangalore

Mohinder Amarnath yesterday denied newspaper *reports* that he was acting as recruiting agent for a rebel Indian cricket tour of South Africa.

"I deny the whole thing ... there is no basis at all for the stories," Amarnath said here yesterday. His denial followed newspaper reports that he had been offered 10 million rupees (about £380,000) by a London-based South African businessman to assemble a 14-man party to play three unofficial Tests and five one-day matches in the Republic early next year.

Amarnath, who was omitted from India's *team* for the first Test match against New Zealand starting here today, was asked what his stand would be if he were offered the huge sum mentioned in the reports. "When I get the offer, I will think it over. I live from day to day as far as cricket is concerned," he said.

He added that he felt sorry for the English cricketers when the tour of India was cancelled. "I feel they are professionals. They should be free to go and play anywhere they want to earn a living."

Meanwhile, the reaction of the two most experienced members of the Indian team was indicative of the feeling cricketers here have about joining a rebel team to the forbidden land.

Dilip Vengsarkar, the Indian captain, said that he had not been approached so far, but no amount of money would take him to South Africa. Kapil Dev, a former captain and India's leading all-rounder, said: "I love my country too much. That is the bottom line."

The stigma and likely public hostility mean that if any player opts to join the tour, he must think in terms of never returning and settling down in India.

In this context the reported choice of Amarnath is significant. He is near the end of his career; his wife, a psychologist, lives in Huddersfield, where she is attached to a hospital and where he could spend the rest of his life.

Other names mentioned in connection with the tour are the former Indian left-arm spinner, Dilip Doshi, aged 40, who also has a base in England, and the former Indian wicketkeeper, Syed Kirmani.

● India made Maninder Singh *twelfth man for the first* Test against New Zealand (Reuter reports). The spin bowling will be in the hands of Shastri, Hirwani and Ayub.

W Indians thwarted by openers

Sydney (Reuter) — John Dyson and Mark Taylor spurred New South Wales with an opening stand of 162 in a total of 272 for four as the West Indians' pace attack was blunted by a lifeless pitch here yesterday.

Both were dismissed by the gentle off spin of Richards, but the uncapped Bishop was the most penetrative of the bowlers, snapping up the Waugh brothers soon after tea.

New South Wales were 208 for four at that point, but the former Test players, Smith and Matthews, checked the decline with an unfinished fifth-wicket stand of 64.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First innings	
J Dyson c Benjamin b Richards	79
M A Taylor lbw b Richards	82
M E Waugh c Richardson b Bishop	9
S R Waugh c Haynes b Bishop	21
S B Smith not out	42
G R J Matthews not out	26
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 5)	13
Total (4 wkts)	272

*†G C Dyer, T H Bayliss, P L Taylor, G F Lawson and M R Whitney to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-162, 2-173, 3-183, 4-208.

BOWLING: Patterson 11-5-25-0; Benjamin 14-4-42-0; Bishop 15-3-42-2; Harper 34-4-101-0; Richards 17-5-31-2; Hooper 9-0-23-0.

WEST INDIANS: D L Haynes, R B Richardson, C L Hooper, K L T Arthurton, *I V A Richards, A L Logie, R A Harper, †D Williams, I R Bishop, W K M Benjamin, B P Patterson.

League battles for heroes

By David Hands

England's heroes of last weekend return to earth with a vengeance today: the fact that Messrs Morris and Underwood, Richards and Robinson, were mustard against the Australians will cut no ice with their Courage Clubs Championship opponents who are aware that league results this month may determine the success of the entire season.

Indeed some will be keener to succeed against the successful England players, among them Winterbottom who will make his first league appearance for the Harlequins, against Bristol at the Memorial ground. On his showing against Australia there seems little danger of Robinson, the Bath flanker, losing his international place but the knowledge that Winterbottom, England's first choice last season — and Rees of Nottingham — are treading on his heels will do no harm.

The last occasion upon which Harlequins and Bristol met was last season's cup final, another magnificent Twickenham match which Harlequins won. All but two of that side play at Bristol tomorrow, Cooke taking the place of the injured Carling and Winterbottom that of Bell and, before him, of Williams, the New Zealander who exerted such an influence upon the London club.

Little could improve **Bath's** league standing. They are unbeaten and if any extra motivation were required before today's visit to **Moseley**, they have only to recall their cup defeat at the Reddings last season — by a single point.

They have Robinson, Halliday, Egerton and Chilcott back from England duty and Halliday, who scored England's fourth try against Australia, said: "You come down to earth very quickly.

"The day after a game like last Saturday's is a bit anti-climactic but you have to knuckle down at the club's training and anyway, Bath had a good win themselves at Llanelli last weekend so they're buzzing."

Moseley have yet to win a league game this season and, even though injury doubts cloud the final Bath team selection, they seem unlikely to open their account today.

The other unbeaten first-division club is **Nottingham** who entertain **Wasps** at Beeston. It will be a significant occasion for Back, an England colt last season while playing for Barkers Butts, who now makes his league debut in Nottingham's back row alongside Cook and Rees; his form early in the season suggested that the youngster would force his way into the league side in what is now a notably mobile back row.

Wasps restore Pinnegar at lock, his first appearance since September 24 when he attempted to head-butt Ackford, the Harlequins lock, was dismissed and subsequently served a 40-day suspension.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

Bristol v Harlequins
Harding hopes to have recovered from a groin strain to appear for Bristol, who play Duggan (wing) and Thomas (centre) with Webb at full back. Harlequins have Olver, their captain, back at hooker with Mullins at prop.

Moseley v Bath
Moseley are without two senior players, Robson (injured) and Smith (suspended), so Fenley and Bishop continue. Lloyd returns at lock where he will oppose Redman, though Barnes, Swift and Morrison face fitness tests for Bath.

Orrell v Liverpool St H
Ainscough has recovered from a damaged hamstring and plays at stand-off for Orrell, who include Fell (centre). Morris, of Liverpool, has another half-back partner in Simpson, with Wellens moving into the centre and McGowan playing in the back row.

Waterloo v Leicester
Waterloo give league debuts to Crane (lock) and Greenhalgh (centre), recruits this season from Pontypool and Fylde. Leicester hope Hare (full back), Bates (centre) and Thornley (flanker) will have recovered from injury.

Second division

Bedford v Coventry
The return of Glanville (centre) and Porter (tight-head prop) brings Bedford to full strength. Rowland, the Coventry flanker, is banned for five weeks for being sent off against Gosforth, so Steve Smith deputizes. Lakey returns at stand-off and Hall (wing) stands down.

Gosforth v L Welsh
Cooper retains his place as Gosforth's hooker in an unchanged team. The Welsh, lacking Wintle on the wing, restore Leleu (centre), Hall (lock) and bring in Thomas (prop).

L Scottish v Sale
The Scots give Slater, who joined from Blackheath, his debut in the centre. Buchanan replaces Buchanan-Smith (injured), but Burnell has recovered and returns to the front row. Kenrick returns to Sale's pack for his first league game of the season and the centres, Burnhill and Bentley, are both recovered from injuries.

Wales step out on road to recovery

By Gerald Davies

The convalescent period over, bandages unwrapped, wounds licked and although suffering still from stiffness and deep bruises, the patient today takes his first tentative steps back on the road to active recovery. Wales, damaged to the edge of their very last breath in New Zealand, take those first elementary and unsteady strides back when, this afternoon at the Arms Park, they play Western Samoa, newcomers to world rugby.

Wales, conscious of the place they ought to hold in the world know the rocky path they have to travel if they are to establish their position again; the Samoans, on the other hand, glad simply of the chance to be fellow travellers, will go whither the road takes them at this early stage.

Wales have a new coach, John Ryan, and a new assistant in Stan Addicott. Both have their share of success when coaching their respective clubs, Newport and Swansea. But Ryan once told Cardiff that it would take three years before the benefits of his coaching might show. The expectation made of international teams is more cruel and less patient.

Wales have been forced through injury to wings, Ieuan Evans and Glen Webbe, to transfer Mike Hall from the centre, where he plays all his club rugby, to the right wing. He was capped when he came on as replacement for Tony Clement, the full back, in the summer's first international in Christchurch and was chosen on the left wing for the second. He might have hoped at last to represent Wales in his normal position, but Bleddyn Bowen returns to win his 22nd cap there.

There are nine changes in all from Wales' last performance. In the pack, of interest will be the play of Wayne Hall and Mike Griffiths, who win their first caps in the front row. With the paucity of No. 8 forwards, it will be equally interesting to see how Phil Davies plays there, having performed mostly at lock this season.

It is most certainly Wakeford's most crucial moment at lock. *Will* he prove to be the man destined to take over Norster's mantle? And will Jonathan Davies prove worthy of the captaincy he so much desires to make his own? But more than anything it is the shape and the quality of Welsh play overall that will be of importance.

The Samoans are at full strength, something they have not been able to achieve from the first week of the tour. Injuries have dogged their travels especially at scrum half. Vincent Fepuleai, an influential player, is back. Worries about the fitness of their captain and wing, *Lolani* Koko, and Sepe Tupuola, the No. 8 have been dispelled.

WALES: P Thorburn (Neath); M Hall (Cambridge University), N Davies (Llanelli), B Bowen (Swansea), C Davies (Llanelli); J Davies (Llanelli, capt), R Jones (Swansea); M Griffiths (Bridgend), W Hall (Bridgend), D Young (Cardiff), R Phillips (Neath), J Wakeford (South Wales Police), R Norster (Cardiff), D Bryant (Bridgend), P Davies (Llanelli).

WESTERN SAMOA: A Aiolupo; L Koko (capt), K Sio, T Faamasino, T Ugapo; J Ah Kuoi, V Fepuleai; V Alalatoa, S Toomalatai, P Fatialofa, L Mano, S Lemamea, D Williams, M Iupeli, S Tupuola.

Gourlay faces test by South back row

By Alan Lorimer

The Australians play the second match of their tour north of the border against South of Scotland at Hawick today, knowing that they have only a week to find a winning formation.

Their side for what they expect to be "a harder match" at Mansfield Park may well be close to the line-up at Murrayfield next Saturday, but the coach, Bob Dwyer, emphasized earlier this week that he wanted "to try out newer guys in better company".

Presumably Dwyer had the winger, Niuqila, and flanker, Gourlay, in mind. Both earned selection after impressive displays on Wednesday, but, against South of Scotland, Gourlay in particular will have a more rigorous testing by the Borderers' experienced back row. The original choice at flank, Turnbull, is replaced by the Scotland B player, Marshall, who is understudied on the bench by Graham, of Hawick.

Gourlay, aged 20 and 6ft 6in tall, will give the Wallabies further options in the lineout and might help solve Dwyer's (and indeed every coach's problem) of "getting a pack that can win ball". With the exception of the hooker, Lawton, and possibly McIntyre, the Australian pack for today's game should be that selected for the game against Scotland.

Four years ago at Mansfield Park, South achieved a 9-6 victory and today their side, which contains 11 Scotland players, must feel confident of emulating that success. The South pack, with only two uncapped players, the prop, McLeish, and Marshall on the flank, looks strong enough to achieve parity, although South's locks, White and Campbell, are a shade shorter than their Australian counterparts.

If the South pack can win enough usable ball then the backs, particularly the experienced trio of Ker, Robertson and Baird, have the skill to exploit what the Wallabies coach concedes is still a problem area in the midfield and into which he "is anxious to get construction".

On the wings both Robeson, making his debut for South and with the task of marking Campese, and Tukalo have considerable pace as does Dods, the Gala full back.

● After their defeat by Glasgow on Thursday, the *New Zealand Rugby News* youth team play Edinburgh Under-21 at Meggatland tomorrow in what is expected to be an easier match for the touring side.

● Rob Young, the Selkirk scrum half, comes in for Gary Armstrong in the South Under-21 XV to play the *New Zealand Rugby News* youth team at Poynder Park on Tuesday evening. Grant Farquharson comes into the replacements.

TEAMS: South of Scotland: P Dods (Gala); D Robeson (Kelso), K Robertson (Melrose), R Baird (Kelso), I Tukalo (Selkirk); A Ker (Kelso), G Armstrong (Jed-forest); T McLeish (Melrose), G Callander (Kelso, captain), K Sudlow (Melrose), A Campbell (Hawick), D White (Gala), G Marshall (Selkirk), I Paxton (Selkirk), J Jeffrey (Kelso).

THE AUSTRALIANS: A Leeds: A Niuqila, M Cook, L Walker, D Campese; M Lynagh, N Farr-Jones; R Lawson, M McBain, E McKenzie, S Cutler, D Frawley, J Miller, S Tuynman, S Gourley.

Referee: F Hilditch (Ireland).

SWIMMING

Money the root of evil entry

By Steven Downes

The Milk in Action grand prix series may have only begun with a relatively modest first session at Cumbernauld last night, but already the signs are that its effect on the sport in Britain is to be a profound one.

The entry for the meeting this weekend, and for the second grand prix event, *at Dundee* next month, have been so encouraging that Paul Bush, the grand prix secretary, said yesterday: "The swimmers have responded positively, committing themselves to the idea of the grand prix in its first year."

Meanwhile, entries for the more conventional national short-course championships, to be held at Plymouth next week, have been relatively disappointing. The reason seems obvious: money. The grand prix events pay most of the competitors' expenses and offer the chance of financial rewards for records, *with the prospect of substantial* prizes to the overall category winners at the grand prix final at Leeds in May.

Next week's championship competitors, however, will have to pay all their own out-of-pocket costs to attend a far less inspiring five-day event.

The governing body, of course, does have one trump card, since the British team for the Europa Cup will be selected largely on performances at Plymouth.

Councils discuss television as new channel for funds

By David Miller

Sports' solution to its anxiety about fluctuating funding, either by the Government through the Sports Council or by private sector sponsorship, could be to create its own television channel. This idea is gathering momentum within both the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

David Pickup, the director-general of the Sports Council, was yesterday explaining future policy of his streamlined organization to the CCPR annual national conference. There is mounting concern, even within the Sports Council itself, which seeks to contain government subsidy of governing bodies, about sponsorship-dependence.

After his address, discussing the proposition for a national levy on all commercial sports activity, including televised sport, which would exploit the armchair viewer who pays nothing but a licence fee, Pickup said: "The obvious answer is for the CCPR to establish its own channel. This would be even *better than a levy, because* sports would take not merely a percentage of the profit, but the whole of it.

"The Sports Council would not wish sport to become over-dependent on sponsorship, any more than upon government grant aid. However, it may well be the eventual solution is indeed for some form of national levy for funding sport, as in foreign countries. But the television channel would be even better."

Pickup: television solution

This reflects the idea of Peter Lawson, the CCPR's general secretary, who has for several years been recommending, and attempting to establish, a television production company owned by sport. This would film national events and sell the tape to the established networks which have the mass audiences.

Denied the opportunity to *buy the rights* — with all the opportunity for overseas sales, for re-runs and documentaries — which they are at present able to buy, the networks would be obliged still to pay substantial screening fees to satisfy audience demand.

If Transworld International of the Mark McCormack IMG Organization can do this for golf, why cannot British sport do it for itself?

Until the recent football deal with independent television for £44 million, sport has consistently sold itself short. Sport is cheap television, and it is crazy that television is able to screen hundreds of hours of snooker, bowls, darts and all the major ball games while sport struggles to meet its administrative bill of the governing bodies and the coaching and preparation costs of its international performers.

One of the biggest absurdities, for example, is in the field of Movement and Dance, whose organization receives no benefit from the televising of the popular programme *Come Dancing*. Movement and Dance is one of the many bodies embraced within the CCPR.

The creation of some kind of central levy, or fund, or an exclusive television channel, is essential. The prospect of over 100 national governing bodies going out to try to pursue sponsors, as advocated by the Minister, seems to me nonsensical.

They are in an arena where, without the manpower, time or knowledge, they are competing for sponsors not only with each other but with many rival *organizations: the British Olympic* Association, the Sports Aid Foundation, not to mention dozens of non-sporting activities.

Not only that, sponsorship is such a vulnerable, unpredictable paymaster. One has only to look at the perilous path run by the British Ski Federation, lurching from one sponsor to another to see the danger. Not even the bigger sports are secure with sponsorship. Who will follow the Barclays League?

BOA asks Palmer to resign

By John Goodbody

Britain has lost two posts in international sport because of political in-fighting inside the British Olympic Association.

Charles Palmer, who was beaten for the chairmanship of the Association by Sir Arthur Gold in a recent vote, has now been asked by the BOA officers to resign his positions on the executive of the European National Olympic Committees and also the chairmanship of that body's Scientific and Medical Commission.

Both are elected posts. Palmer was due to hold them for another 18 months. As it is, Britain cannot make its voice heard in the two organizations until at least 1990, when the next elections are held.

It is ironic that the Princess Royal, the BOA president, mentioned during her accolade to Palmer's tenure of office at the recent AGM that she knew that he would continue his good work internationally because of his positions in ENOC and also the worldwide Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). Gold will now replace Palmer on ANOC.

Palmer has also been asked to resign as chairman of the committee that runs the BOA medical centre at Harrow, which he guided into existence.

Gold is clearly planning to be less prominently active than Palmer as chairman. Palmer's secretary has been made redundant because there will be no role for her in future.

RUGBY LEAGUE

York ground may well cramp St Helens'style

By Keith Macklin

Looking for giant-killers in the first round of the John Player Special Trophy is likely to prove a fruitless exercise. The gap between the first and second divisions seems too big to be bridged by even the top second division clubs, and ironically the top two, **Leigh** and **Barrow**, meet in one of the ties at Hilton Park.

The round begins this afternoon with one of the handful of games likely to be closely contested, the repeat of the Yorkshire Cup final between **Leeds** and **Castleford**, at Headingley.

When the teams met in the cup final, at Elland Road, Leeds eventually won convincingly after a close first half, and they may do so again, despite the fact that Castleford are unbeaten in the league.

St Helens, the John Player Trophy holders, travel to **York** tomorrow to face second division opposition, and while this seems a reasonably easy ride for the Saints, their coach, Alex Murphy, has reminded his men that York gained an unexpected victory over the second division leaders, Leigh, on this same compact ground with its capacity limited to 3,000.

Another attractive first division clash brings together **Halifax** and **Salford** at Thrum Hall. Halifax bring back the winger, Wilf George, and the forward, Neil James, in an attempt to get out of their current rut, while Salford have Peter Brown, their New Zealand forward, back in action.

Wigan should sail through by a cricket score against **Runcorn Highfield** at Central Park, where the Highfield coach, Bill Ashurst, a former Wigan player, says he will wave to the crowd before the game and then settle down in expectation of a thrashing by 50 points.

Two other first division battles are at Warrington and Widnes. **Warrington** and **Oldham** meet yet again, with Oldham hoping to go one better than last week when they pulled back from a 28-2 deficit to 32-30, with Warrington hanging on at the final hooter.

Widnes entertain **Featherstone Rovers**, and will find Rovers a much tougher proposition than in the recent league game when Widnes topped 50 points.

The only remaining amateur side, **Wigan St Patrick's**, travel to **Sheffield** with more than an outside chance of springing a surprise.

● Keith Mason (Hunslet) and Alan Shaw (Dewsbury), sent off in last Sunday's game at Elland Road, have both been suspended for two matches by the disciplinary committee.

● Oldham have dismissed their coach, Eric Fitzsimons, and his assistant, Iain MacCorquodale. Last season's second division champions have won only one of their nine first division games this season.

CYCLING

Riders kept waiting for their licences

By Peter Bryan

Two of Britain's leading cyclo-cross riders, David Baker and Tim Gould, feel that they are in limbo, still amateurs instead of racing as professionals at home and abroad. Both have made their winter base West Germany.

Peugeot, their French would-be sponsor, which has Joey McLoughlin among its squad, is still negotiating with the British Cycling Federation's Professional Racing Committee to register the company's name in the UK.

Baker and Goulds' departure from the amateur ranks was expected to have been confirmed early last September but they are without professional licences. Both had then asked not to be included in Britain's amateur national squad.

Today and tomorrow, they are racing in international events in Switzerland alongside the British champion, Steve Douce.

Gerry McDaid, the chairman of the Professional Racing Committee, said yesterday: "There is no barrier to the pair being granted professional licences on grounds of either ability or character but a problem does exist regarding their proposed sponsor."

Britain's amateurs, Chris Young, the runner-up in last Sunday's Smirnoff race to Steve Douse, Barrie Clarke, who was third, and Steve Barnes, compete in The Netherlands tomorrow.

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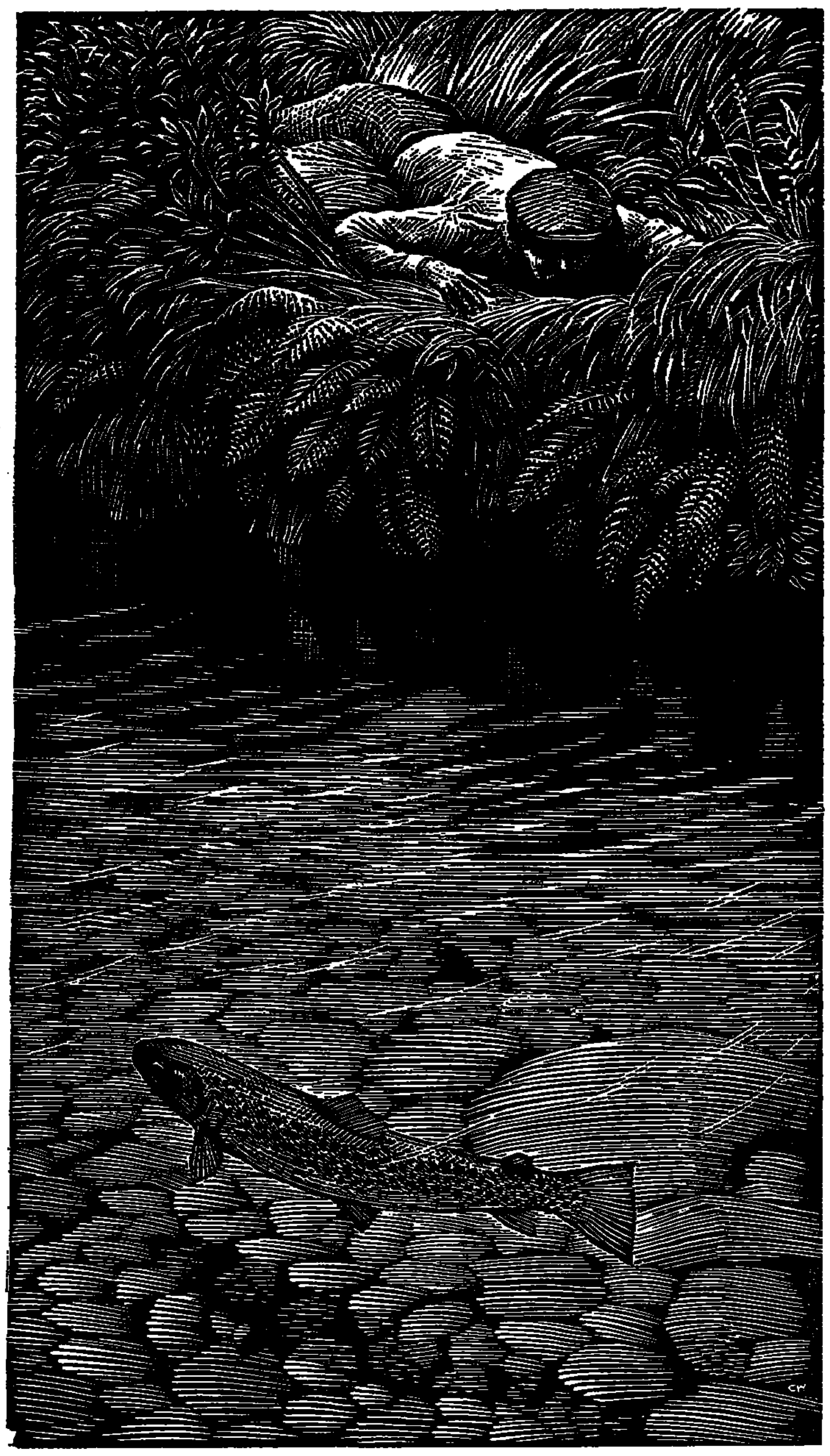
SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

The Sea Trout

Hugh Falkus's story is a classic of sports writing: the anticipation of a great event, the excitement of its course, and the melancholy of its uniqueness



The big fish was lying above a rock at the head of the pool. Coming carelessly to the bank, I caught a lucky glimpse of him and stopped just in time, sinking slowly on hands and knees among the broom.

At full length, I inched my way through long grass to the pool's edge and peered over. The fish was still there. A huge, grey shadow; so big that, at first sight, it seemed certain he must be a salmon. Then, through a clear "window" in the flickering current, I saw his tail — the unmistakable convex tail — and gasped in astonishment. He was unquestionably a sea trout. An enormous sea trout. The biggest sea trout I had ever seen.

I lay motionless gazing at the fish, and the sun burned hot on my back. A high June day with a warm scent of damp hay; the land steaming after early rain. Since dawn, the spate had fallen quickly. Those foaming white streamers which earlier had ribboned the fellside were gone, and now in mid-afternoon the river had lost its tinge of colour and was running clear again over the pale stones.

> 'The river flashed silver and I caught my breath at the sheer size of him'

Down towards the pool tail between shallows and deeps was the newly-arrived sea trout shoal: a host of shadows, faint and grey and still. And with them from the distant seaway had come the great fish that lay in front of me. On the night tide, he had nosed his way into the estuary, tasting the thin water of his homecoming and running on upstream as a spate foamed over the shallows above the weir.

He lay steady as a log, a few yards out from the bank in four or five feet of streamy water, broad tail gently waving; a round, white lamprey scar showing clearly on his flank just above the anal fin. Suddenly, he turned on his side and made a short dart upstream low against the bottom. The river flashed silver and I caught my breath at the sheer size of him.

Three feet of silver and lilac beauty, humped with strength; his weight, well into the teens of pounds. He dropped slowly back again tail first into his original lie.

I gazed with wistful longing at that astonishing fish, every predatory instinct quivering with excitement and desire. The sea trout of my dreams — and lying only a few yards from me. I might as well wish the moon as hope to catch him. And yet . . .

The river was falling fast. How long would he lie there? Half a day and a night, perhaps.

By next daybreak he would have run, or dropped back to deeper water under the alder roots. I resisted a sudden temptation to hurry to the cottage for a rod. There was little hope of hooking him in that crystal sunlit water. My best chance, probably my only chance, would be that evening when the light had gone and dusk shadowed the pool. Wiser to leave him undisturbed till then.

Eight hours to sunset. I glanced at the sky. No sign of further rain. Good. If the weather held; if the fish kept to his lie; if I curbed an impatience to cast for him too soon, and waited until the magic moment of late dusk — *then*, if my fly were to flicker temptingly past his nose, there was a chance, just a chance, he might take.

Slowly, a picture of his lie burned into my mind: the depth of water, the set and strength of current, the exact place on the opposite bank from which to cast, the length of line needed to cover him.

I wriggled backwards out of the bushes and pushed myself up on clenched fists, knuckles laced with the jig-saw pattern of damp grass. Every sense tingled at the thought of catching that fish. I longed to hook him; to feel his strength. To fight it out in the darkness.

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It was a windless dusk, the tree-tops a silent tracery of leaves against the evening star. I sat under a high sycamore in the lengthening shadows, watching the river, thinking of my big fish and wondering whether he was still in residence. It seemed probable that he was.

My companions were fishing only the lower pools, and no one had disturbed him.

With the fading light, a chill came into the air. The sky was full of stars, and a wreath of ground mist hung low over the water meadows. I rubbed my silk-dressed line free of grease and left fifteen yards together with leader and fly to soak in a pool among the rocks.

Ten minutes to midnight. I had waited hopefully for a cloud to soften the starlit sky, but now a faint glow was beginning to spread above the eastern fells. Soon, bright moonlight would shine straight down the pool, and I realised I could afford to wait no longer. It was time to start.

I wound up the slack line, tested hook points and knots, and walked softly up the shingle to the pool neck.

The river was shadowy and mysterious. Arcturus, the night fisherman's star, flashed above the trees, its reflection shaking in the water at my feet. Wading carefully in, well above the big sea trout's lie, I made a few practice casts to ensure that line and fly were sinking. Then, moving a yard or two downstream, I cast again, feeling the slow drag of the line as it swung round, the slight tug of the water at my fly. Two more long paces brought me to the spot I had marked that afternoon. My next cast, or the one following, should cover the fish.

I paused, heart thumping, filled with a tingling anticipation. This was it. This was the moment. Now — have at him, and, God! let it be a good cast. The line sang in the air and went out into the bushy darkness under the opposite bank.

The fly seemed scarcely to touch the water. No sooner had it started to swing than I felt the line tighten with a slow, heavy pull. Then all hell broke loose.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY CHRIS WORMELL

Hardly had I realised he was hooked, when the fish was on the surface swirling in a ring of foam. A moment later, the reel screamed as he went zooming off like a torpedo down the pool.

I stumbled desperately to the shore and began to run downstream along the shingle. A flurry of spray gleamed in the darkness at the pool tail, then the fish was over the lip and away down the glide beyond.

To follow him along the thickly wooded bank was impossible. I plunged on into the river beyond the shingle and splashed downstream in pursuit. Still the reel screamed. Would the fish never stop? Water surged in over my waders and clutched at my stomach. I had an unhappy feeling there was very little backing left on the reel.

Now the water was chest high *and I was holding the rod at arm's* length above my head. I put a finger on the reel drum. The backing was almost gone. I hung on as the rod bent and bent, and the line hummed taut.

And then, everything went slack.

I stood, numb with disappointment, water lapping my chest, the line hanging from the rod in a limp curve.

Sadly, filled with the bitterness of failure, I started to reel in.

Suddenly, the line tightened with a jerk that nearly pulled the rod from my hand. My heart leaped. There was a thumping great splosh somewhere far below me in the darkness under the alders, then again the line went slack — as, for the second time, the fish turned and swam a few yards upstream.

Life flooded back.

So far, *I* had been hammered round the ring. Miraculously, I had survived that first determined rush. But now it was time I attacked, and stopped fooling about chest-deep with my fish a hundred yards downstream. Up by the shingle bank; that was where I wanted him. That was the place to fight it out.

"Come on, fish," I croaked, mouth dry as dust. "You come along with me."

I began to wade slowly back towards the shingle, my rod at right angles to the river, its butt hard against my side. And the fish came swimming steadily up, gain*ing on me, so that a belly of line* formed behind him and urged him on.

I felt nothing. There was no sign of him. Not a splash, not a ripple. No tugging or pulling. But I knew he was somewhere out there in the darkness; a huge, grey shape, swimming steadily on, his earlier fear replaced by puzzlement at feeling resistance from behind, and now swimming upstream to escape it.

At the top of the shingle, I began cautiously to wind in the slack, watching the rapidly changing angle of line against the surface glimmer, careful not to tighten on him too suddenly.

The fish was almost level with me and, although I knew it was still anybody's fight, I sensed the first intimation of success.

He had made his great effort, and failed.

Now he was going to do what I wanted. I knew there was another rush coming, perhaps more than one, but no rush he made now would equal the first. He was mine — if the hook held.

At last the fish was where I wanted him — above me in the neck of the pool. Now it was time to wake him up and start the second round.

I reeled in and tightened hard on him; tactics that met with instant reaction. Feeling sudden pressure from his flank, the fish tugged and bored, and tugged and turned and twisted and tugged again.

"That's right," I said. "Go on, fish. Fight. Rush about. Do anything — except stay still."

I kept the pressure on, giving him as much stick as I dared. After a minute or two of this, he swung suddenly in a wide arc, slashed furiously on the surface, then came straight towards me leaving a huge V-shaped ripple on the surface and almost running himself aground.

Feeling the stones under his belly, he swirled round, shot away again into deep water and started *his second rush. Prepared for it,* I let him go; the stripped line running out through my fingers.

He went whizzing down to the pool tail, and I followed him to the shingle's end. But this time he turned short of the glide beyond and plunged in the shallows.

"I've got you," I said. "You're nearly done now."

But the tail of a pool is no place for a tired fish.

I walked him steadily upstream again, this time keeping the pressure on, and he followed me like a dog.

At the head of the pool, he went deep, boring and twisting. I could feel him down there, shaking his head. I pulled him downstream a few yards and he swung in towards the bank, turning half on his side so that his flank flashed in the brightening moonlight.

Glancing over my shoulder, I saw the moon's edge peeping above the fell. I stepped into the shadow of overhanging trees and stood quite still, the handle of the big salmon net between my knees, the net's rim lying on the bottom in slack water.

The fish was swimming very slowly now, wallowing in small circles. I lifted the rod and it arced against the stars as the fish came towards me.

The moon rode above the fell and shadows slanted across the pool. Now every stone on the bottom was visible in the clear water and I could see the fish — a long bar of silver just below the surface only a rod's length from me.

I drew him gently in over the sunken net.

I raised the net. It came up six inches — and stuck solid. With a sensation of incredulity and despair I realised it was fastened to something on the bottom. I wrenched at it. It remained immovable, firmly held — as I discovered later — by a piece of barbed-wire jammed between the stones.

Frightened by this commotion, the fish roused himself and rushed away across the pool.

For what seemed eternity he hung doggedly out in the current. I sensed the thrust of his tail against the leader as he stood on his nose boring down among the rocks, and my heart was in my throat.

Sweating, I managed at last to pump him up. He came into the shallows on his side, a swathe of silver in the moonlight.

As he touched the stones, the hook flew from his mouth into the bushes behind me.

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For a terrible moment I stood paralysed, while the great fish splashed violently in a cloud of spray. Then, dropping the rod, I plunged in and seized him by the tail.

He writhed from my grasp and skidded away towards deeper water.

Again, my fingers slipped on his slimy flanks. Now he was nearly able to swim. Almost demented, I fell on hands and knees beside him, got both arms underneath and heaved him up on the shingle. He began to flop back towards the river, but I stumbled forward and flung myself on top of him.

A faint wind whispered in the leaves. The moon had climbed above me and the river was a flashing silver stream that sang in the shallows.

I emptied my waders and sat beneath the sycamore, the great fish gleaming from the grass at my feet. I looked at him in wonder. The biggest sea trout I had ever caught, or was ever likely to catch. The fish of a lifetime.

He was even bigger than he had seemed when I first saw him. Without doubt, he was the same fish: on his right flank just above the anal fin was that round, white lamprey scar.

I sat there for a long time looking at my fish, consumed with fierce elation, and yet — a curious regret. For years, season by season, this fish had survived the long dangerous journey from some distant tide rip to his lonely reeds. A miracle of survival.

And now I had caught him.

For years, I had fished, night after night the seasons through, dreaming of catching such a fish. And yet now I sat staring at his vast girth, feeling a strange emptiness.

Always, I had wished the moon and travelled in hope. But now I had arrived . . . and the moon was at my feet.

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I threaded a forked stick through his gills and carried him across dew-wet fields up the hill to the cottage. There, I put him on the kitchen table, lighted a lamp, changed my sodden clothes and sat looking out across the valley. Already, a pale oyster light of dawn was spreading above the fells.

> 'I stood paralysed, while the great fish splashed violently in a cloud of spray'

Nailed boots sounded in the lane. The labrador jumped growling from his bed beside the stove, then stood wagging his tail in recognition. My fishing companions appeared in the open doorway, stopping with sudden exclamation as they glimpsed what was lying on the table.

They came gingerly inside.

"A *sea trout*?"

"Yes."

"It *can't* be."

"It is. Look at his tail. Count the scales."

They gazed in awe.

"God in heaven! What an incredible fish . . !"

Darkness lifted from the valley. We sat in the kitchen drinking coffee and whisky while the sky caught fire and the birds sang.

Below us the river was a ribbon of mist. Fields beyond the river shone green and yellow in the early sunshine. Curlews were crying from the fells.

My companions debated whether to go to bed or try the sea pool for a whopper come in on the night tide. At length, inspired by whisky and the sight of my fish, they took up their bags and rods and went out again into the clear, cool morning.

Their footsteps faded.

For once I had no desire to accompany them. I thought of my sea trout in the dark sway of the sea, swimming his hours away under the stars — and stayed where I was, feeling no particular pleasure, just a vague regret, an intangible sense of defeat, with the great fish lying there on the table staring at me with his dead eyes and seeing nothing.

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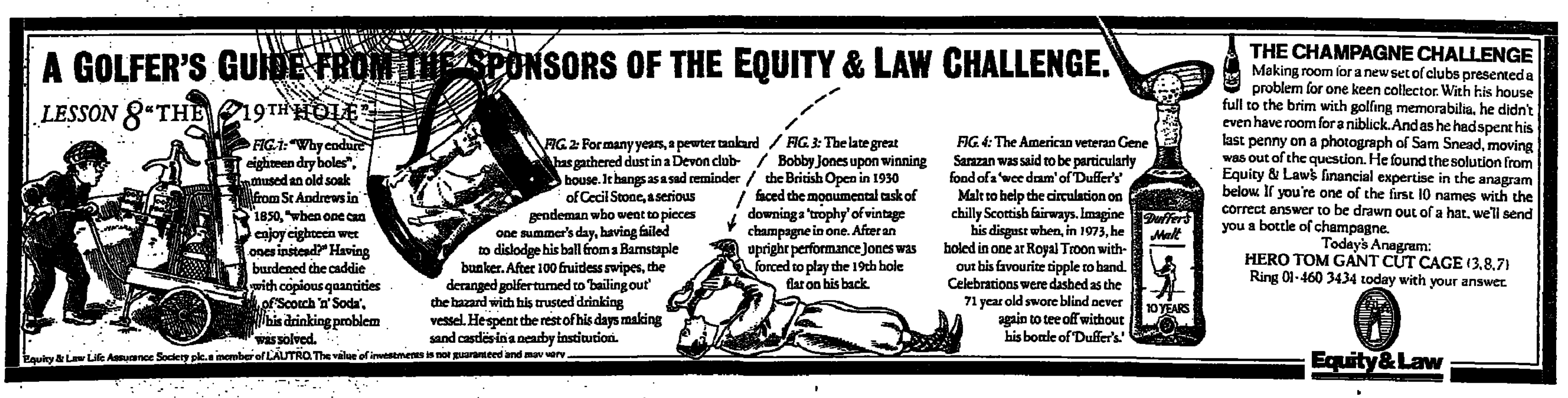

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FIG. 2: For many years, a pewter tankard has gathered dust in a Devon clubhouse. It hangs as a sad reminder of Cecil Stone, a serious gentleman who went to pieces one summer's day, having failed to dislodge his ball from a Barnstaple bunker. After 100 fruitless swipes, the deranged golfer turned to 'bailing out' the hazard with his trusted drinking vessel. He spent the rest of his days making sand castles in a nearby institution.

FIG. 3: The late great Bobby Jones upon winning the British Open in 1930 faced the monumental task of downing a 'trophy' of vintage champagne in one. After an upright performance Jones was forced to play the 19th hole flat on his back.

FIG. 4: The American veteran Gene Sarazan was said to be particularly fond of a 'wee dram' of 'Duffer's' Malt to help the circulation on chilly Scottish fairways. Imagine his disgust when, in 1973, he holed in one at Royal Troon without his favourite tipple to hand. Celebrations were dashed as the 71 year old swore blind never again to tee off without his bottle of 'Duffer's.'

THE CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE

Making room for a new set of clubs presented a problem for one keen collector. With his house full to the brim with golfing memorabilia, he didn't even have room for a niblick. And as he had spent his last penny on a photograph of Sam Snead, moving was out of the question. He found the solution from Equity & Law's financial expertise in the anagram below. If you're one of the first 10 names with the correct answer to be drawn out of a hat, we'll send you a bottle of champagne.

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Day of decision for three tracks in the all-weather running

By Graham Rock

Next Wednesday a special meeting of the Levy Board will sanction one of the most fundamental changes in British racing; to allow thoroughbreds to compete on an artificial, all-weather surface.

Racing on dirt is the backbone of the Americas, and several countries race on sand. Both surfaces are generally believed to shorten the working life of a horse's legs, despite statistical evidence to the contrary; however, Britain has waited until a more favourable surface has become available, suitable both for hurdles and Flat races.

Whatever the greenhouse effect may bring to future generations of Britons, we now suffer an annual depletion of the racing programme because of rain, frost and snow, often over 100 meetings a year.

While extra fixtures are sometimes run at a later date to compensate the racecourse, they usually attract a smaller crowd and, far more important, they tend to clash with other, better-established fixtures. Thus they fail to generate the same volume of betting, with a consequential loss of funds to the Levy Board.

The figures vary according to the time of year but if a day's racing is lost to the weather during January or February, the sport is deprived of approximately £60,000. The average cost to racing for each of the past five years has been £1.4 million.

Bookmakers also suffer, but to a lesser degree. They can offer their customers betting on greyhound racing, which does not require a levy payment, so even if the turnover falls, their greater gross profit margin compensates to some degree.

Estimates vary as to how much revenue all-weather racing can generate, but the Levy Board believe that £1.3 million a year is a reasonable figure, and they will make interest-free loans in excess of £1 million to those courses who stage the novel sport.

The Jockey Club set up a working party to investigate all-weather tracks three years ago, subsequently invited racecourses to apply for licences, and in December last year carried out trials at Newmarket to test two surfaces, Equitrack and Fibresand.

On the day, Fibresand won by a distance. Subsequently it was discovered that the Equitrack material, widely used on stable gallops, was not laid to a sufficient depth on its base. Even so, the kickback, the amount of material thrown into the faces of the horses running behind the leaders, was considered excessive and unacceptable. Since then, Equitrack has been used as a racing surface for over two months at Remington Park, Oklahoma, and has found few critics.

Fibresand was also considered unsuitable, lacking resilience, but improvements made to the product before another trial on March 1, were sufficient to convince the Jockey Club that the answer had been found.

It has always been considered desirable to have two all-weather tracks, one for the south and one for the north.

With Kempton Park's recent withdrawal from the race, Lingfield's application should be approved next week and the Surrey course is likely to be offering all-weather racing within a year. However, the Levy Board will have to choose between Doncaster and Nottingham, who are competing for the second venue.

● *The Times* asked the three courses to state their case for selection and the following are their submissions:

Accent on comfort and safety

LINGFIELD PARK

Lingfield Park has submitted a £5½ million scheme to the Jockey Club in its attempt to become the first all-weather racecourse in the south of England.

The directors propose to commission a Fibresand track, built to very stringent specifications with special attention being given to the safety of the horses, superior communications and an increase in comfort for the racegoers.

With its close proximity to the M25 and an improved train service, the course can provide the scenic advantages of a modern country racecourse, along with the convenience that the easy travel from large centres of population and major training centres brings.

The all-weather track at Lingfield, 1¼ miles long and triangular in shape, will bring improvements to the existing grass course.

The straight course will remain unaltered, but the round course will be re-aligned. New drainage and better soil conditions will improve the going.

It is planned to install a modern irrigation system, along with facilities for sectional timing and floodlighting, should they be required at a later date.

A new service road will be installed on the interior of the course, which will be able to service both the all-weather and the grass tracks.

It is also planned to construct an underpass in order that there should be no crossings on the track. This will also mean that the centre of the course can be used for car parking and other events.

The company is committed to spend £3¼ million on the racetrack alone. Major improvements are also scheduled for the stables and course enclosures.

These will include a betting hall, more private boxes and another storey on the main grandstand, providing a members' viewing gallery and restaurant, public enclosed viewing facilities and fast food outlets.

A new stable block will be built, initially providing boxes for 100 horses, with provision to expand for another 100, once all-weather racing begins.

Public protection paramount

DONCASTER

Our commitment to racing, the established infrastructure, and an asset without equal in Britain of the all-weather grandstand, makes Doncaster racecourse the logical choice for the first all-weather track. Geography is also on our side: the location is at the centre of Britain.

Access at times of extreme weather must have priority if all-weather racing is to be judged by the ability to provide continuity when traditional turf tracks are either frostbound or waterlogged.

Here Doncaster scores the highest marks because surface transport links to the racecourse are without parallel. The motorways are located 400 yards from the stable yards with direct access to the M18, M1, M62, A1(M), and M180... and from 1990 Britain's newest and fastest mainline train service will be one mile from our door.

Already the established infrastructure provides a dual-carriageway link throughout the 130-mile road journey between training stables at Newmarket and Doncaster racecourse. The network is equally good when turning north. With the exception of a few miles, it is dual-carriageway to Malton as well.

Doncaster's commitment to racing is manifest. The near £700,000 spent on non-revenue earning facilities over the last five years is proof of our concern about safety and standards, including a three-phase £200,000 renovation of the stable yards that will house 200 horses overnight in weather-proof comfort.

The third force in this new world of all-weather racing will be the racegoer. The abandonment of racing because of adverse conditions at traditional tracks automatically excluded the public. Now their protection is paramount.

Exposed grandstands will create the contradiction of safe racing for the horses and treacherous conditions for the racegoer. There will be no such fears at Doncaster.

Britain's largest indoor betting hall will be refurbished and extended at a cost of £700,000. It will be completed by the St Leger festival next September and will provide 4,600 square metres of internal space. That is larger than Saint-Cloud and comparable to Vincennes.

For the sake of racing, Doncaster will be prepared for all-weather racing ahead of schedule.

Bringing quality to Midlands

NOTTINGHAM

The location of Nottingham makes it an ideal course to stage *all-weather racing as it is* centrally situated between the country's premier training centres at Newmarket, Lambourn and Malton.

In an area of high population, Nottingham is well served by major roads and has good rail and air links.

The Midlands presently lacks a quality racecourse with modern facilities and our intention is to put matters right.

The excellent location has ensured that we already have support within the industry and there is no doubt that ample scope exists for an all-weather course.

Our aim is to improve the existing turf track and to provide an all-weather course of the highest possible standard.

Prize-money levels must be raised so Nottingham aims to maintain the most attractive parts of the current racing programme and enhance that programme by the inclusion of a high-quality festival meeting.

Such a racing programme would be supported with the necessary management, manpower, machinery and maintenance controls to encourage support within the industry.

A new grandstand would be built close to the track, maximizing viewing potential and offering facilities not presently available on any racecourse. All existing facilities would be upgraded.

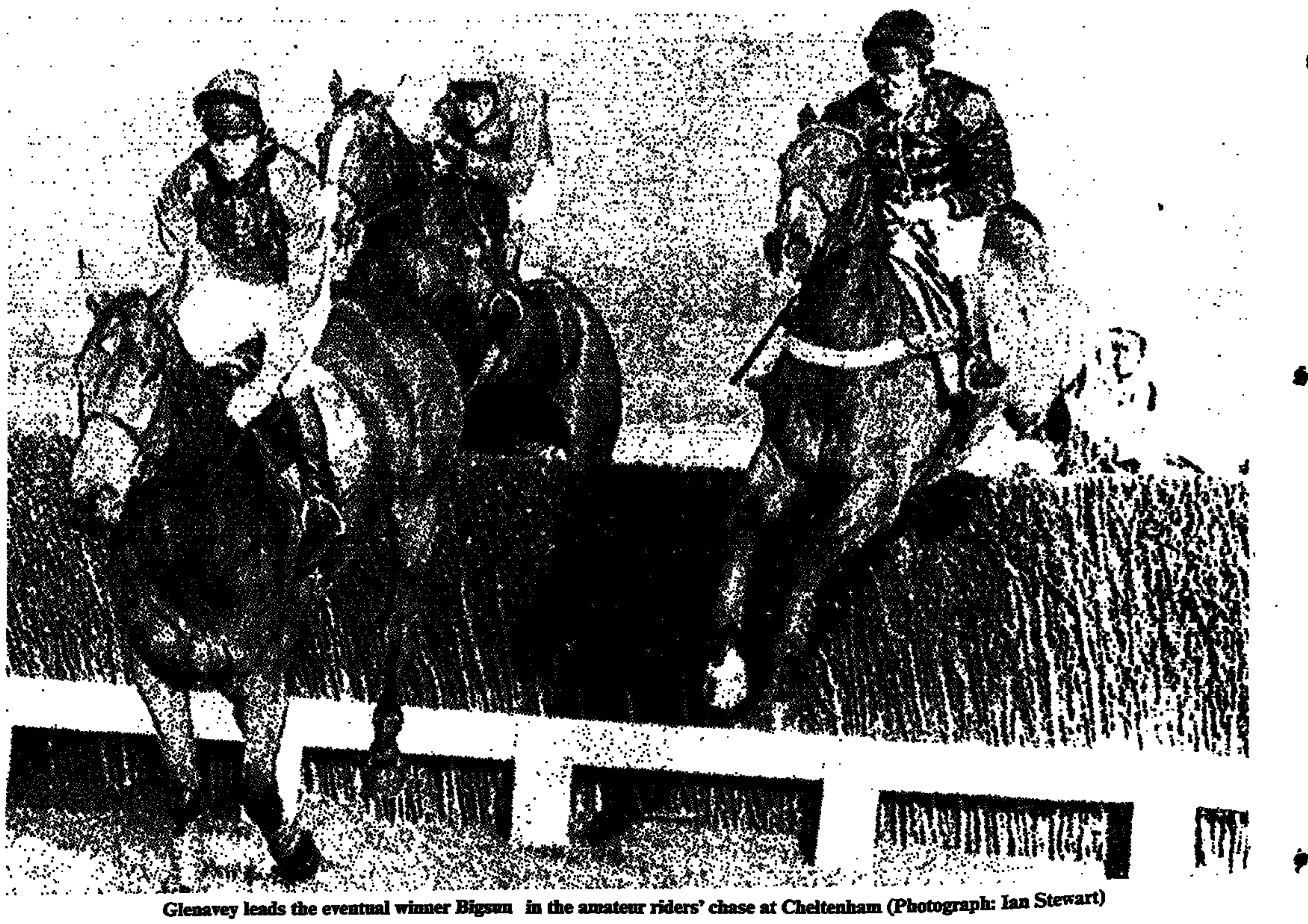
The grandstand will include 34 private boxes, two 100-seater restaurants, bars and eating areas, and enclosed betting facilities. All parts will be close to *and overlooking the track at the* front, or the paddock at the rear.

A new weighing room with a public viewing gallery will be built and there will be a proper entrance for members, owners and trainers. All car parks will be tarmacked.

The bends on the present turf track will be widened, with the six-furlong straight course maintained. A modern drainage system will be installed and other important safety changes will include the replacement of all concrete posts.

The all-weather circuit would be 1¼ miles round with a straight course for sprints. A seven-furlong start will be reintroduced.

Finally, a new stable complex will be built adjacent to the preparade ring.



Glenavey leads the eventual winner Bigsun in the amateur riders' chase at Cheltenham (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Mackeson so special to Linley

By Alan Lee

The only jockey to have won the Mackeson Gold Cup three times will be missing from Cheltenham today. Richard Linley will instead be working behind the scenes at the Windsor meeting, which is the way he likes it.

A man whose final few years in the saddle were coloured by pain and personal tragedy, Linley does not waste time looking back. These days, he is employed by the Jockey Club as their Southern Inspector of Courses.

He enjoys the life and has little time for regrets or reminiscences.

"I haven't sat on a horse since I began this job a year ago," he said. "There isn't much spare time but I also haven't felt the urge. I don't even go to watch racing when I am not working. I don't think I could do that without a sense of involvement."

For all that, 34-year-old Linley admits that he will not get through today without the intrusion of memories and a compulsion to follow the race he won three times in four years during the early Eighties.

"There are things I still miss about riding, especially the big days. The Mackeson is still very special to me. I remember it with affection and excitement. I won't say I would like to have a ride this year but I will certainly be thinking about the boys going round."

Cheltenham was almost Linley's personal stage during those heady years. Fifty Dollars More and Half Free (twice) were his Mackeson winners and then came the Champion Hurdle triumph aboard Gaye Brief.

The sight of this stylish, dark-haired jockey returning to the famous winner's enclosure in the red and black colours of Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin was familiar to every racegoer.

Now, Linley's racing duties are far more anonymous though just as important. "It could be said I am poacher turned gamekeeper but I hope people don't think of it like that. If the race courses, or the riders, regarded *me as a Jockey Club snooper* then the relationship would be disastrous."

Linley is responsible for 20 Southern courses, liaising over such matters as the siting and building of fences, rails and general safety, a subject naturally close to the heart of one who rode at high level for 15 years. "I believe racecourse safety has dramatically improved since I began riding, but we must never become complacent. I would like to think that if jockeys or trainers have any grouses over a particular course they will come to me."

Playschool breaks down and misses rest of season

By Alan Lee

It was a script straight from the pages of Dick Francis but yesterday came the savage twist in its tale. Playschool, such a flop when favourite for last season's Gold Cup that connections still insist he was doped, returned to Cheltenham eight months on and broke down badly at the end of a heroic comeback run.

Trainer David Barons, in consolably blaming himself for running the talented stayer on ground too firm for him, immediately conceded that Playschool will miss the rest of the season. "Now we shall never know if he'd have won the 1989 Gold Cup," he said grimly.

Playschool, conceding a massive 19lb, was beaten a head by Golden Friend in the Allied Dunbar Chase but would inevitably have lost the race in the stewards' room if Mercy Rimell's enigmatic runner had not been coaxed into a last-stride lead by Simon Sherwood.

Only 100 yards from the line Playschool veered sharply left across the winner — clear indication that he had broken down.

His jockey, Paul Nicholls, explained: "He went on his off-fore a stride after the last. He would definitely have won otherwise. I've always known he was a good horse and even if he has to miss a year I think he can come back and win good races."

Barons, who has made no secret of his belief that sinister outside forces sabotaged Playschool's Gold Cup chance in March, said later: "I had said I would wait for the rain and I should have done so."

Playschool had traded the lead with Yeoman Broker throughout the race and was half a length down when his rival capsized at the second-last, his second fall in two runs this term.

Josh Gifford, who won the Conditional Jockeys' Hurdle with the well-handicapped Copse And Robbers, had run Yeoman Broker in preference to his own Gold Cup hope, Ballyhane, due to the firm ground.

Mrs Rimell revealed that Sherwood replaced Golden Friend's usual jockey, Dermot Browne, at the owner's bequest. Sherwood gave the horse superb, kid-gloves treatment and went on to complete a double on Calapaez in the ASW Hurdle.

Even before the injury to Playschool we had heard that Gold Cup winner Charter Pary will miss his projected clash with Desert Orchid at Kempton next Wednesday unless the weather forcast is very wrong. His trainer, David Nicholson, said: "You won't be seeing him if the sun keeps shining. He's ready to run but I shan't risk him on anything firmer than good ground."

Nicholson, enjoying his best start for several years, sent out his 13th winner when Bigsun justified favouritism in the Coln Valley Amateur Riders Novices Chase.

It was no surprise to Nicholson, who had hatched a long-term plan for this race, booking Marcus Armytage for the ride all of two months ago and urging Bigsun's owner, John Horn, to fly over from his New York home.

Another horse who will not contest this season Gold Cup is Private Views. Nick Gaselee's spectacular young chaser, winner of six races last term, is scheduled to reappear at Newbury this month, but the trainer says: "He definitely won't be tried over three miles this time and I've no idea who has been backing him for the Gold Cup."

Gaselee produced his Cheltenham specialist Tarn to win the John Seyfried Mickleton Chase by a length. All three of Tarn's wins in the past two seasons have been over the course and distance and he will have a rest before being bought back here for the Grand Annual Chase at the Festival meeting.

Durham Edition shapes well on reappearance

Durham Edition, runner-up to Rhyme 'N' Reason in last season's Grand National, made a promising reappearance when third to Proud Pilgrim in the D C Cook Audi Handicap Chase at Market Rasen yesterday.

Three fences from home, Durham Edition was still breathing down the necks of the winner and Sam Da Vinci.

The latter just held the advantage at the last but went through the final fence, allowing Proud Pilgrim to forge 2½ lengths clear, Durham Edition staying on well to finish four lengths away third.

Connections were delighted with the performance of Durham Edition, owner Robert Oxley stating that they would adopt the same plan this year with the 10-year-old as they *did* 12 months ago, culminating with the Grand National.

His next outing will be the Hennessy Gold Cup for which he has been allotted less weight than when he finished third in the race last year.

Proud Pilgrim is trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, who does not consider the nine-year-old ready for a race like the Hennessy. However, the chestnut has the ability to win a good prize one day.

"He needs a lot of practice as he hasn't much confidence in himself yet," the Malton trainer said.

Proud Pilgrim's victory formed the middle leg of a 35-1 treble for Mark Dwyer, initiated by Good Point in the White Swan Selling Hurdle and completed by Kevinsfort in the Red *Lion Handicap Chase.*

Raise An Argument re-routed to Ayr

Raise An Argument was taken out of today's Mackeson Gold Cup because his owner John Poynton and trainer Monica Dickinson considered the ground at Cheltenham too firm.

The Harewood challenger, second favourite to Jim Thorpe in the ante-post lists, will probably now run at Ayr next Saturday before taking his chance in the A F Budge Gold Cup, formerly the Glen International Gold Cup.

His trainer said: "The ground was no good for him. He has never run on firm ground and is at his best on good to soft. It's heartbreaking because he was spot on for the race."

Dan The Millar, one of the Dickinsons' most promising chasers, has been put down.

The gelding won five novice events, including the Woodland Novices' Chase at Liverpool two seasons ago, but had just the one outing last term.

"He very badly injured a leg and we had to rest him last season. He then kept going lame, a joint flared up and he just wouldn't stand any work," reported Mrs Dickinson. "The vet said the horse had no chance and we had to put him down."

Champion hope at Newbury

By Christopher Goulding

Mole Board, one of the heavily-supported favourites who failed to oblige at last season's Cheltenham Festival, has the Champion Hurdle as his main objective this term.

Owen O'Neill, who trains the Deep Run gelding at Cleeve Hill, high above Cheltenham racecourse, reports the six-year-old in excellent form. "He is very well indeed and I expect he will have his first race at Newbury in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle on November 26."

This race looks like developing into a fascinating contest with Kribensis, favourite for the hurdling crown, and Decided participating.

O'Neill puts Mole Board's Festival defeat in the Sun Alliance Hurdle down to a combination of circumstances. "At Cheltenham, he was left at the start and a horse fell in front of him," said O'Neill. "He is a very good horse and everything will be geared to the Champion Hurdle."

O'Neill had good news of Christian Schad. The gelding, who mystified both his trainer and the vets when he was pulled up lame in last season's Scottish Champion Hurdle, is now back in work.

"He was lame for a month in his hind-leg after the race," said O'Neill. "We sent him to Edinburgh University and they could not find the problem. I expect to have him ready to run by the end of the month."

O'Neill is hoping that Model Pupil, one of the leading staying hurdlers, will return to his yard. "He missed all of last season, due leg trouble, and has been fired. I hope to get him back, but his connections have not been in touch.

"He will make a cracking three-mile novice chaser. When he last ran he had some super form over hurdles, winning the Fernbank Hurdle at Ascot and also finished third behind Galmoy in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at the Festival."

Santopadre, who had three different trainers, found win*ning* form when joining O'Neill last season and will be sent novice chasing later this year.

Stormy Prospect, who missed last season due to leg trouble, is now back in training. "He could be something special," said O'Neill. "Also Strike A Point is a very nice horse. He should do well in staying hurdle races."

Racing next week

MONDAY: Carlisle, Wolverhampton.
TUESDAY: Sedgefield, Southwell.
WEDNESDAY: Kempton Park, Worcester.
THURSDAY: Towcester, Taunton.
FRIDAY: Ascot, Ayr, Nottingham.
SATURDAY: Ascot, Ayr, Warwick, Catterick.

Carroll House given clear-cut opportunity

The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Tony Bin misses his intended engagement in Sunday's Premio Roma (10f) at the Capannelle, and will now go straight for the Japan Cup on November 27.

Tony Bin's defection considerably improves the prospects of the three English raiders in the £80,000-added group one event, John Dunlop's pair, Topsider Man (Bruce Raymond) and Love The Groom (John Reid), and Michael Jarvis's Carroll House (Santiago Soto).

Love The Groom has looked a shadow of his former self this year, and it is Carroll House who has the best chance of bringing this rich prize back to England. He was third behind Roakarad and Tony Bin in the Gran Premio del Jockey Club last time out.

At San Siro, Milan, today, Michael Stoute saddles Aim For The Top (Walter Swinburn) for the £18,000-added Premio Chiusura (7f), and this somewhat disappointing filly must have a sound chance against the moderate opposition.

The improving Indian Queen, trained by Willie Hastings-Bass, chases her fourth consecutive win when she contests the £20,000 Grand Prix de Bordeaux (12f) tomorrow. She is accompanied by the Merrick Francis-trained Genobra (Billy Newnes).

Eddery wins in France

Pat Eddery narrowly captured the last important race of the French season when getting home by a nose on the Andre Fabre-trained Miserden in the group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud (10f) yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

The son of Private Account battled on well after being third 300 yards out and had just enough left to hold off the strong challenge of Louis Cyphre (Freddie Head).

It was a muddling sort of race and Clive Brittain's Cossack Guard (Tony Ives) was beaten less than four lengths in finishing eighth of 10. The Dermot Weld-trained Beyond The Lake was a never-dangerous ninth.

Court Guest extends run for O'Neill

Jonjo O'Neill is just three winners short of beating his total for the whole of last season after saddling Court Guest for a runaway success in the Brigantes Novices' Chase at Hexham yesterday.

O'Neill has now had 30 winners since switching to training two seasons ago and Court Guest was his twelfth success of the current campaign. His best total came last season when he had 14 successes.

Court Guest, the 13-8 favourite, seemed to relish the testing three-mile trip and O'Neill said: "He is a lovely horse and if he is all right when he gets home, I'll be running him again quickly."

Traprain Law, who made most of the running, toppled over at the last fence, presenting Court Guest with the race.

Winning jockey Mickey Hammond said: "I would have won anyway. My horse was finishing strongly going to the last."

First ride

John Stanger has his first ride in public on Twelve O'Clock High in the Grunwick Stakes National Hunt Flat Race at Carlisle on Monday.

Hope on the horizon for long-suffering

A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses
No 11: WINDSOR

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

The popularity of Windsor is one of the Turf's unsolved mysteries. The racing is average and facilities awful. True lovers of racing can adapt to squalor. What they do resent is being taken for a ride.

Eighteen months ago, Windsor changed hands and all sorts of promises were made by the new owners. Not a great deal has happened and the talk is that the new regime is as deaf to protest as the old one. Well, I have some shattering news.

This week the number-board was painted for the first time in 25 years. Better still, the stands have been painted, inside and out. Windsor cannot be put right overnight but suddenly the signs are encouraging.

There is so much to do. Windsor's only redeeming features are its situation, close to London, and its atmosphere. The average attendance of 6,000 in the summer is out of all proportion to the quality of racing. For some reason, Windsor is the place to be on Monday nights in June and July. Which goes to show that if somewhere is fashionable, people will flock to it regardless of how badly they are treated.

An air of desolate splendour pervades the stands. Desolate splendour is all very well, provided the owner has fallen on hard times. A glance at the accounts of the old company showed that this was not the case.

The new owners are a consortium of racing-minded people who include the brothers Ian and Toby Balding. The chairman is Richard Thompson, whose father owns the Cheveley Park Stud in Newmarket. Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, has now assumed the mantle of managing director.

Teething troubles having been overcome, the way is now clear for Bevan to startle a long-suffering clientele by spending money on the place.

Windsor racegoers are enthusiasts. They may not be the biggest form experts but they know how to spend three hours outdoors in the company of friends. Many have come straight from their desks in the City.

The American novelist Jay McInerny has described them as the Berserk After Work Club, "with hell-fire on a dimmer switch in their eyes". Their evenings consist of one trip after another to the Pimms Bar, punctuated by increasingly suicidal trips to the betting ring.

It is different in winter. City suits give way to overcoats, accompanied by plumes of breath and the stamping of feet. The Queen Mother's glossy black car with the lion on the roof is often parked inside the gates — a shrewd place to leave it. Queen Elizabeth is the most resilient of racegoers but only an anti-monarchist would wish her to try her luck in the public car park.

Of all Windsor's achievements, this is its most nightmarish. It is not just the horrible winding approach road, so narrow that pedestrians end up in the ditch; nor even the cattle-ramp which makes a noise like heavy artillery fire every time a car goes over; it is the way the gatemen turn the simple matter of parking in a field into a journey to hell.

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth football manager, was among dozens of hapless car owners who were directed to a treacherous mud-covered annexe one day last year despite there being masses of room in the car park proper.

The answer to is travel by train. A charming ferry takes you from Windsor Riverside station to the racecourse in 15 minutes. It is licensed and you can get two drinks in if you're quick. Unfortunately the ferry operates in summer only.

Though invisible from the stands, the river runs just behind the paddock and once nearly claimed the life of the former jockey Des Cullen. His mount took control and charged into the drink. Cullen, who could not swim, was rescued seconds before drowning. "I honestly thought it was the hand of God," he said afterwards.

One day Windsor may be a fine place to go racing. The stands will be refurbished before next summer but, looking ahead, Bevan wants to turn the riverside stretch into a drinking area with old-fashioned marquees. This sounds promising.

The racing, on the Flat, is pretty moderate though Henry Cecil and Michael Stoute sometimes run a good horse in a maiden race.

The jumping is better and the New Year's Day Hurdle is a genuine Champion Hurdle trial. It is looking for a sponsor, incidentally.

Dear old Windsor. A chaotic son, it is always appealing to our better nature.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The racecourse is on the A308 between Windsor and Maidenhead. Whether you are coming from east or west, leave the M4 at junction 6, take the A308 and then follow the signs.

RAIL TRAVEL: There are frequent services from Waterloo to Windsor & Eton Riverside. Then take the ferry (summer only), which disembarks near the paddock. Trains also run from Paddington to Windsor Central.

ADMISSION: Club £10, Tattersalls £5, Silver Ring, £3. Annual membership £40 or £70 for a double badge. Children under 16 admitted free.

PARKING: Dreadful. Costs 50p or £1.

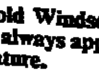
DRESS REQUIREMENTS: Smart.

HOSPITALITY: Tables for lunch or supper can be reserved with the caterers, Letheby & Christopher (0753) 864726. There are two hospitality rooms and marquees can also be hired.

INQUIRIES: Hugo Bevan, Windsor Racecourse, Windsor, Berkshire. Tel:(07538) 64726.

BIG-RACE DATES: New Year's Day Hurdle, January 2.

Rating



One jockey's cap denotes Awful; two, Bearable; three, Average; four, Very Good; five, Excellent.

Martin Trew
of *Racing Post*

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Jim Thorpe can take centre stage

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following that 15 lengths triumph at Wetherby towards the end of last month, JIM THORPE is napped to give the Penrith trainer Gordon Richards his second Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham following Man Alive's success, nine years ago.

I am not concerned that my selection shares top weight because this race has been won by horses carrying similar burdens three times in the last four years. What I do find significant though are the conditions which state that a winner of a race worth £3,000 must carry a penalty.

By virtue of the fact that his event was worth £2,976, Jim Thorpe has escaped scot free unlike Pegwell Bay, who has been lumbered with an additional 3lb for also winning since the weights were published. Time may well show that that could turn out to be a crucial factor in so tightly knit a handicap.

Last season, Jim Thorpe won twice at Cheltenham in the autumn, once on the corresponding day. So he clearly acts well on the course. He also looked like taking a hand in the finish of the Arkle Challenge Trophy in the spring until he misjudged the last fence and parted company with his rider. Next time out his connections were compensated in full when he beat the Arkle winner Danish Flight at Liverpool.

What that win at Wetherby 15 days ago showed was that Jim Thorpe is in sparkling form again after his summer's rest and poised to give of his best this afternoon.

Pegwell Bay, with his penalty, may well be hard pushed to confirm his superiority over Smart Tar who won the Mildmay Of Flete Challenge Cup over today's course and distance last March.

However, Smart Tar is still tied closely to Bishops Yarn and Comeragh King, who finished right behind him that day.

Gordon Richards: chasing second Mackeson success

Dudie, who was going well in the same race when he fell at the 12th fence after being hampered, has been the medium of an ante-post gamble this week even though he has not run this season.

The lack of a race should not be held against him because he goes well when fresh and actually beat last year's winner, Beau Ranger, first time out at Sandown last autumn.

The other fly in the ointment could well be *Giolla Padraig*, who was going better than The Argonaut when he fell three out in the race won by Worthy Knight over today's distance at the last meeting.

Earlier in the day, one of Jim Thorpe's travelling companions, TARTAN TAILOR, is not without a chance of winning the Whitbread White Label Handicap Hurdle, even under top weight. For he is a good horse on his day.

But The Langholm Dyer, the third member of the Penrith raiding party, could well be outstayed by BAJAN SUNSHINE in the Flowers Original Handicap Chase over 3½ miles.

At Newcastle, many eyes will be on Floyd attempting to win the Food Brokers and Primula Fighting Fifth Hurdle a second time. With two victories under his belt already this autumn he has certainly been primed for the occasion by David Elsworth.

Yet I still doubt him beating CELTIC CHIEF even at a difference of 3lb. For the only time my selection was beaten last season was when he arguably came from too far off the pace to *finish* third in the Champion Hurdle.

A victory for RAPIER THRUST in the Steel Plate And Sections Young Chasers qualifier will point to NO ONE TO BLAME being good enough to win the Saxon House Novices' Chase at Windsor because No One To Blame appeared to have got the measure of Rapier Thrust when he fell at Huntingdon.

He deserves another chance as does BILOXI BLUES, who got stuck in the mud at Chepstow last Saturday when contesting a valuable hurdle.

Now this very useful horse will have the going that he relishes when going steeplechasing for the first time in the Eton Wick Novices' Chase.

Jockey Club stewards take hard line on crowd control

By Phil McLennan

The Jockey Club is to take action against any racecourse which fails to fully implement their new instructions on crowd control.

In a determined effort to prevent a repetition of the violence which occurred on several courses this year, the Jockey Club has issued a comprehensive set of instructions to all managements.

In addition, the Rules of Racing are to be amended to enable the stewards to deal with those courses which fail to enforce these instructions.

After consultation with the Home Office, the stewards finalized their instructions at their meeting earlier this week and yesterday released details of the form they will take.

The instructions, which come into operation on January 1, are based on the recommendations of the Racecourse Association's working party. The key points are:

- A security officer (not the clerk of the course) to be appointed by each course to control all matters of crowd behaviour.
- Conditions of entry to be prominently displayed at all entrances and in all coach and car parks. These will include the right to refuse entry and the right to remove anyone whose behaviour is unruly.
- An overall crowd limit and a limit for each enclosure to be established. A control system must be set up to prevent these limits being exceeded.
- Each course to grade its fixtures, according to previous attendances. At the start of each quarter, courses must advise the RCA and Jockey Club security department of anticipated crowd sizes, and police and security staff to be employed.
- Police officers to be employed with sole purpose of patrolling course and maintaining order. These must number a minimum of two, plus one additional officer per 1,000 people over crowd of 3,000.
- Detention facilities to be available at high risk security fixtures.
- Alcohol not to be brought in, except into designated areas. Coaches to be checked on arrival. Pre-turnstile checks of hand luggage to be carried out. Promotions which encourage provision of free alcohol to be stopped. No-drinking areas to be clearly defined and enforced.
- Plans to be made for clearance of stands in event of bomb alert or fire hazard.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Chemist Broker.
1.35 Tartan Tailor.
2.10 **JIM THORPE** (nap).
2.45 Bajan Sunshine.
3.20 Southernair.
3.55 Liadett.

By Michael Seely
1.00 Emo Forever. 2.10 **SMART TAR** (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 **JIM THORPE**.

Going: good to firm

1.0 NICOLET INSTRUMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (3m 1f: £7,726) (6 runners) BBC 1

102	2/1PP0-2	BLUFF COVE 5 (BF,C,F,G,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-11-10	P Scudamore	● 99
103	030F0-0	EMO FOREVER 15 (B,CD,S) (Jonjo Thoroughbred Racing Plc) J O'Neill 8-11-7	M Dwyer	88
104	10013-0	CHEMIST BROKER 14 (F,G,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 8-11-5	I Shoemark (4)	86
108	1052-14	HOTPLATE 23 (BF,S) (W Bellamy Bakers Ltd) D McCain 5-10-7	P Tuck	86
111	55/4443-	WATER CANNON 9F (V,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-10-1	Dale McKeown	85
112	28F30-4	SIR CRUSTY 9 (C,F,G) (M W Ash) R Holder 6-10-0	W Irvine (4)	90

Long handicap: Sir Crusty 9-12

BETTING: 9-4 Bluff Cove, 7-2 Hotplate, 9-2 Sir Crusty, 5-1 Chemist Broker, 7-1 Emo Forever, 10-1 Water Cannon.

1987: EMO FOREVER 7-11-0 M Dwyer (5-1) M H Easterby 10 ran

FORM **HOTPLATE** lost his footing 4 out when holding every chance, when 31l 4th of 15 to Old Malton at Uttoxeter (3m, good to soft). Better judged on a 1½l win from Blazing Walker at Carlisle (2m 4f, good to soft).

BLUFF COVE was 6l 2nd to easy winner Gaye Brief on Wolverhampton reappearance (2m 6f 110yd, good). He should go well if returning to the form of a 4l win from Miss Nero in the Long Walk hurdle (3m 2f) at Ascot last term.

EMO FOREVER, a well-beaten 9th of 18 to Lottie's Fury at Wetherby (2m 4f, good to soft) on seasonal bow. Won this race last year on prefered soft ground.

SIR CRUSTY, a consistent sort, ran on well when just over 6l 4th of 11 to Royal Craftsman at Kempton earlier in the month (3m, good).

CHEMIST BROKER probably needed the race when 9th of 17 behind Imadyna at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) last month and will be suited by this longer trip.

Selection: HOTPLATE

1.35 WHITBREAD WHITE LABEL HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed race: £11,647: 2m) (10 runners) BBC 1

201	30030-3	TARTAN TAILOR 17 (CD,F,G) (Edinburgh Wool Mill) G Richards 7-11-10	P Tuck	● 99
202	0/3024P-	CORPORAL CLINGER 242 (CD,F,G,S) (John Doyle Ltd) M Pipe 9-11-9	P Scudamore	97
203	602102-	CASHEW KING 194 (CD,F,S) (P Moss) B McMahon 5-11-7	T Wall	92
205	540-432	SOUTH PARADE 7 (D,S) (Miss C Roberts) G Balding 4-11-0	G Bradley	98
206	424213-	SANTOPADRE 9F (D,F,G,S) (Mrs Jill Holland) O O'Neill 6-10-8	W Humphreys (4)	90
208	12216-1	REDGRAVE GIRL 22 (CD,F,G) (Charles Wilson) K Bishop 6-10-5	S Earle	91
209	00-5115	RIVERS SECRET 14 (CD,F,G,S) (James Simpson) Denys Smith 4-10-3	A G Smith (7)	90
211	6-12121	WINDBOUND LASS 5 (D,F,G) (R W Savery) R Holder 5-10-2 (3ex)	N Coleman	97
213	621-333	HIGHLAND BOUNTY 11 (D,F,G) (Anthony A Etheridge) S Dow 4-10-0	R Guest	94
214	300P-00	WILLIAM CRUMP 15 (D,G,S) (Otterdawn Associates Ltd) K Bailey 7-10-0	M Lynch	—

Long handicap: Highland Bounty 9-11, William Crump 9-11

BETTING: 4-1 Tartan Tailor, 9-2 Redgrave Girl, 5-1 South Parade, 6-1 Corporal Clinger, 8-1 Cashew King, Windbound Lass, 9-1 Santopadre, 10-1 Rivers Secret, 12-1 Highland Bounty, 33-1 William Crump.

1987: CELTIC SHOT 5-10-6 P Scudamore (9-4 fav) F Winter 9 ran

FORM **SANTOPADRE** was just over 5l 3rd of 10 to Any Business at Stratford on his final outing of last season (2m, good to firm), with **REDGRAVE GIRL** (6lb worse off) tailed off in 7th. He is fit from a recent run on the Flat and looks on a handy mark.

REDGRAVE GIRL is better judged on her recent win at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm), where she quickened well to beat Brent Riverside ¾l (pair clear).

WINDBOUND LASS is in good form. Last time, she ran on well to beat Kadan ¾l at Wolverhampton (2m, good) and should go well with only a 3lb penalty.

RIVERS SECRET appeared not to stay 2m 4f when 19l 5th of 17 to Imadyna at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) last time; earlier was a head winner from Gouldswood at Chepstow (2m, good), with **HIGHLAND BOUNTY** (3lb better off) 3l further back in 3rd and **SOUTH PARADE** (8lb better off) a neck behind him in 4th.

SOUTH PARADE has since run well at Chepstow (2m, soft), when 1l 2nd to Austhorpe Sunset, but would probably prefer softer ground.

TARTAN TAILOR ran well in good company when 5½l 3rd of 8 to Cliffalda at Newcastle last month (2m, good), though the winner has let the form down since.

Selection: SANTOPADRE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Jenkins	10	49	20.4	P Tuck	10	47	21.3
F Walwyn	15	75	20.0	R Guest	4	21	19.0
R Akehurst	3	15	20.0	S Smith Eccles	17	99	17.2
O O'Neill	3	16	18.8	P Scudamore	31	184	16.8
P Hobbs	6	34	17.6	S Earle	3	19	15.8
M Pipe	16	91	17.6	G Bradley	11	79	13.9

(Not including yesterday's results)

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2.10 MACKESON GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £22,140: 2m 4f) (13 runners) BBC 1

301	132P2-2	BISHOPS YARN 16 (CD,G,S) (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 9-11-10	R Guest	88
302	24U11-1	JIM THORPE 15 (C,D,F,G,S) (MC Inns Limited) G Richards 7-11-10	P Tuck	● 99
305	2U312-1	PEGWELL BAY 22 (D,F,G) (Major A K Barlow) T Forster 7-11-2 (5ex)	P Scudamore	89
306	211331-	COMERAGH KING 192 (D,F,G,S) (A F Budge Limited) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-1	M Dwyer	87
307	2P02-36	GEE-A 28 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-13	Gee Armytage	88
308	15P2-15	WELSH OAK 9 (D,F,G,S) (G Amey) D Gandolfo 8-10-12	S Smith-Eccles	90
309	01313-4	THE ARGONAUT 24 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 10-10-12	S Shilston	88
310	11-121F	GIOLLA PADRAIG 24 (BF,CD,F,G) (J Walker) W A Stephenson 10-10-10	Mr A Costello (7)	95
311	22241-3	SMART TAR 22 (CD,F,S) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 7-10-10	M Lynch	89
312	331P-23	WARNER FOR LEISURE 14 (C,F,G,S) (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 10-10-9	M Richards	89
313	0251-33	TOWNLEY STONE 10 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Townley) J Webber 9-10-5	G Memagh	94
317	84U652-	DUDIE 183 (D,F,G,S) (John Halewood) R Akehurst 10-10-0	Dale McKeown	89
319	163P-25	ACE OF SPIES 10 (F,S) (Albert Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 7-10-0	—	84

Long handicap: Dudie 9-7, Ace Of Spies 9-3

BETTING: 3-1 Jim Thorpe, 6-1 Pegwell Bay, 7-1 Townley Stone, 8-1 Giolla Padraig, 10-1 Comeragh King, Smart Tar, 12-1 The Argonaut, 14-1 Bishops Yarn, Warner For Leisure, Welsh Oak, 16-1 others.

1987: BEAU RANGER 9-10-2 M Perrett (13-2) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM **SMART TAR** beat **BISHOPS YARN** (5lb better off) 4l on heavy ground over course and distance at the festival with **COMERAGH KING** (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd.

JIM THORPE made it 7 wins from his last 9 completed starts when beating Slieve Felim 15l on Wetherby reappearance. His best form has come over 2m.

PEGWELL BAY beat Foyle Fisherman 2l at Newbury on reappearance with **SMART TAR** (3lb better off) 2l 3rd.

WELSH OAK reverts to fences after a couple of outings over hurdles. Best chase form a 5l win from **GEE-A** (5lb better off) with **BISHOPS YARN** (1lb better off) 5l 3rd at Kempton (2m 4f).

THE ARGONAUT, a dual course winner, gave Pommardy 13lb and a 3l beating at Warwick last term (2m 4f).

GIOLLA PADRAIG was going well when fell 3 out latest start, had previously beat Eight Springs an easy 8l over course and distance.

TOWNLEY STONE has slipped down the handicap following some modest efforts last term, but looked somewhere near best at Newbury last time (2m 4f, good) when 1l 3rd to Landing Board with **ACE OF SPIES** (11lb worse off) 11l 4th.

DUDIE proved he goes well fresh last season when beating Beau Ranger ½l on Sandown debut.

Selection: GIOLLA PADRAIG

2.45 FLOWERS ORIGINAL HANDICAP CHASE (£5,810: 3m 4f) (7 runners)

402	10F5-F4	RUN AND SKIP 7 (C,F,S) (W Marzouk) J Spearing 10-11-7	M Dwyer	91
405	1222-21	BAJAN SUNSHINE 14 (V,F,G,S) (Paul Green) C Brooks 9-11-2 (5ex)	P Scudamore	89
406	40P1-03	KNOCK HILL 7 (CD,G,S) (Peter Thompson) J Webber 12-11-0	G Memagh	95
407	2336-46	THE LANGHOLM DYER 14 (C,F,G,S) (Edinburgh Wool Mill) G Richards 9-10-12	P Tuck	● 99
408	11U10-5	MITHRAS 10 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-10-9	G Landau	90
410	1605P-6	ETON ROUGE 14 (D,S) (Mrs Bryan P Jenks) Mrs M Rimell 9-10-0	J Bryan	94
412	66503P-	FITZHERBERT 166 (F,G,S) (A Ford) Mrs J Retter 10-10-0	—	83

Long handicap: Eton Rouge 9-11, Fitzherbert 9-2

BETTING: 9-4 Bajan Sunshine, 5-2 Knock Hill, 5-1 The Langholm Dyer, 8-1 Run And Skip, 16-1 Mithras, 25-1 Eton Rouge, 33-1 Fitzherbert.

1987: KNOCK HILL 11-10-0 G Memagh (16-1) J Webber 7 ran

3.20 COVENTRY NOVICES CHASE (Listed race: £4,820: 2m) (3 runners)

501	11/F06-1	CANFORD PALM 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Cobham) C Brooks 7-11-6	P Scudamore	89
502	2510-03	FRED THE TREAD 14 (F) (Geoffrey C Greenwood) T Casey 6-11-2	E Buckley	81
509	22220-1	SOUTHERNAIR 11 (G,S) (S Powell) J Jenkins 6-11-2	S Smith Eccles	● 99

BETTING: 10-11 Canford Palm, 11-8 Southernair, 10-1 Fred The Tread.

1987: JIM THORPE 6-11-10 P Tuck (5-4 fav) G Richards 4 ran

3.55 FLOWERS FINE ALES NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £3,334: 2m) (11 runners)

601	1111	LIADETT 24 (CD,F) (Frank A Farrant) M Pipe 11-6	P Scudamore	● 99
602		ARCTIC BARON 23F (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 10-12	N Dawe	—
603	5	BIG BELL BOY 14 (C Spencer) Denys Smith 10-12	P Tuck	—
604	11	GREAT SALING 28 (D,G,S) (Bill Woodward) F Jordan 10-12	M Dwyer	89
605	0	IKDAM 10 (LBI Law Ltd) R Holder 10-12	N Coleman	—
607		PARADISE BEACH 8F (Tom Tayler) B McMahon 10-12	T Wall	—
609		ROUGH CUT 162F (P Clarke) R Juckes 10-12	A Juckes (7)	—
612	040	TANG 10 (Miss S Hamilton) D Wintle 10-12	A Carroll	67
613	03	YOU'RE IN MY WAY 61F (Albury Racing Ltd) Denys Smith 10-12	A G Smith (7)	74
615	40	LOVE ON THE ROCKS 28 (Roy Ashford) R Morris 10-7	Gary Lyons (7)	—
616		THORNBERRY HILL 156F (Miss S Oliver) Miss S Oliver 10-7	J Duggan	—

BETTING: 11-8 Liadett, 11-4 Great Saling, 9-2 Ikdam, 10-1 You're In My Way, 12-1 Love On The Rocks, 16-1 others.

1987: DAFFODIL 11-1 R Hyett (13-2) Mrs S Oliver 9 ran

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin

12.55 Timsolo.
1.25 Stay On Track.
1.55 Celtic Chief.
2.25 Rapier Thrust.
2.55 Senator Snugfit.
3.25 Boutzdaroff.
3.55 Green Gorse.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.55 Celtic Chief.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.55 JOHN SMITHS BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,116: 2m) (18 runners) C 4

1	214F22-	SUNBIA 221 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Armitage) D Lee 7-12-9	R Garritty (7)	87
3	00602-0	KRISTENSON 15 (D,F,G,S) (N Jaffer) R Fisher 11-12-1	R Hodge (7)	93
4	01115-3	REGAL REFORM 14 (D,S) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-12-0	M Hammond	93
6	0P1115-	MIZAJ 193F (D,G,S) (W Marshall) G Moore 4-11-10	A Orkney	92
7	12P143-	CHRISTMAS HOLLY 10F (F,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-8	P Niven	95
8	561233-	LORD SUN 246 (S) (Mrs L Campion) D Moffatt 6-11-8	K Ryan (4)	82
9	32042-1	ANTINOUS 17 (CD,G) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 4-11-7	L Wyer	90
10	22414-0	BEAKER 14 (V,D,S) (G Lowe) M Naughton 8-11-4	P Harte (4)	87
11	00232-	SILK THREAD 7F (G Tufts) R Whitaker 5-11-2	S Turner (4)	98
14	56136-0	GREEN TOPS 31 (D,S) (K Hanson) M Avison 6-10-10	R Marley	86
15	4U05-63	WEARDALE 8 (D,G) (W Robinson) Denys Smith 6-10-10	D Crossman (7)	93
17	1226-40	PERSIAN SPLENDOUR 14 (D,G) (P Bullen-Smith) J Blundell 4-10-6	S Sherwood	96
18	F21054-	IZADYAR 243 (D,S) (R Johnson) G Moore 4-10-6	J Callaghan (7)	● 99
19	312-12U	EASTERN OASIS 38 (D,F,S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 5-10-4	Mrs S Bradburne	97
20	63/14-24	ALBERT THE GREAT 19 (D,BF,F,G) (I Rodden) B McLean 5-10-2	B Storey	93
21	05110/1	TIMSOLO 10F (CD,G,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-10-0	R Fahey (4)	92
23	424P0-5	PAUPER MOON 22 (S) (W Hind) W Reed 8-10-0	T Reed	84
24	66-F240	MOLLY CAREW 22 (S) (A Douglas) D Moffatt 8-10-0	J Hansen	86

Long handicap: Pauper Moon 9-11, Molly Carew 9-7.

BETTING: 9-2 Regal Reform, 6-1 Antinous, 7-1 Timsolo, 8-1 Silk Thread, 10-1 Christmas Holly, 12-1 Persian Splendour, Weardale, 14-1 Lord Sun, Mizaj, Albert The Great, 16-1 others.

1987: FOOT PATROL 6-10-0 C Grant (14-1) N Tinkler 11 ran

FORM **ANTINOUS** made a successful reappearance over course-and-distance last month, beating Ben Ledi 10l (good). Last season finished 3l 3rd of 17 to Eurocon at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good), with **SILK THREAD** (13lb better off) a well-beaten 11th.

SILK THREAD, fit from a successful campaign on the Flat, is best judged on his 3l 3rd of 9 to Drumlin Hill at Doncaster in January (2m 150yd, soft) with **GREEN TOPS** was a distant 6th.

TIMSOLO, a winner on the Flat recently, ran on well to beat Miss Club Royal 2½l at Kelso (2m 6f, good) last month and is not sure to be suited by this shorter trip.

REGAL REFORM stayed on at one pace when 2½l 3rd of 14 to Fieldom at Wetherby (2m, good to soft), with **PERSIAN SPLENDOUR** (same terms) 9½l further back in 7th and **BEAKER** a well-beaten 9th.

ALBERT THE GREAT was a disappointing favourite when 13½l 4th of 13 to Kadan at Fakenham last time (2m 80yd, good). He is better judged on his 2l 2nd to Ringmore at Kelso (2m, good) with **MOLLY CAREW** 10½l further back in 4th.

Selection: ANTINOUS

1.25 WM A SWALES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,471: 2m 4f) (8 runners) C 4S

1	F22P3-4	JOINT SOVEREIGNTY 22 (CD,F,G,S) (B Ryan) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-11	J Hayes (7)	96
2	541R-34	REPINGTON 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Gilman) N Crump 10-11-10	C Hawkins	● 99
5	242123-	STAY ON TRACKS 171 (CD,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-11-4	A Merrigan	91
6	4P-214P	DORONICUM 38 (D,F,G,S) (Dr K Fraser) G Richards 9-10-10	J Hansen	93
7	31F0U3-	WHATS WHAT 177 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 9-10-9	P Niven	95
8	5-23134	BATTLEFIELD BAND 35 (D,F,G,S) (J Eddell) J Blundell 11-10-0	L Wyer	96
9	23322-2	VALENTINOS JOY 29 (F,G,S) (G Oldroyd) G Oldroyd 9-10-0	M Pepper	97
10	02P2-62	BROTHER GEOFFREY 31 (CD,G,S) (G Britain) C Thornton 9-10-0	S Turner (4)	97

Long handicap: Brother Geoffrey 9-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Brother Geoffrey, 3-1 Battlefield Band, 9-2 Stay On Tracks, 5-1 Joint Sovereignty, 6-1 Valentinos Joy, 7-1 Repington, 12-1 Doronicum.

1987: RAISE AN ARGUMENT 8-11-2 L Wyer (100-30) Mrs M Dickinson 6 ran

FORM **STAY ON TRACKS** developed into a smart novice last season and put up one of his best performances over course-and-distance in May (good to soft) when beating Bingstar (rec 14lb) by 15l. He goes particularly well here and does not look harshly treated.

VALENTINOS JOY finished ¾l 2nd to Chipchase at Market Rasen (3m, good to firm) on his seasonal reappearance. He is consistent and should run well.

BROTHER GEOFFREY finished tired when 10l 2nd to Prince Metternich at Wetherby (3m 100yd, firm), with **REPINGTON** tailed-off.

BATTLEFIELD BAND never got into the race when 28l 4th of 11 behind Sprinebend at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good).

JOINT SOVEREIGNTY was in need of the race when 16l 4th of 16 to Pegwell Bay at Newbury (2m 4f, good to firm). He runs well at this track.

Selection: STAY ON TRACKS

1.55 FOOD BROKERS AND PRIMULA FIGHTING FIFTH HURDLE (Feature race: £10,507: 2m) (6 runners) C 4

1	111131-	CELTIC CHIEF 217 (D,G,S) (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-9	G McCourt	● 99
2	1020-11	FLOYD 21 (CD,F,G,S) (M Walsh) D Elsworth 8-11-6	S Sherwood	93
3	13201-2	PAT'S JESTER 17 (CD,BF,G,S) (R P Adam Ltd) R Allan 5-11-6	B Storey	90
4	0/2200-F	BALLYDURROW 7F (CD,F,G,S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 11-11-0	P Niven	89
5	231113-	OLD EROS 121F (D,G,S) (T Child) R Williams 4-11-0	L Wyer	82
6	3/22012-	SPROWSTON BOY 191F (D,G,S) (G Whiting) P Kelleway 5-11-0	M Hammond	98

BETTING: 6-4 Celtic Chief, 7-4 Floyd, 11-2 Sprowston Boy, 8-1 Pat's Jester, 16-1 Ballydurrow, 25-1 Old Eros.

1987: FLOYD 7-11-6 C Brown (5-6 fav) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM **CELTIC CHIEF**, a beaten favourite in the Champion Hurdle, beat Sabin Du Loir 8l at Aintree (2m 4f, soft) on final start. Will prove difficult to beat as he goes well fresh.

FLOYD beat Mrs Muck 15l at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good to firm) latest start. Beat **BALLYDURROW** (4lb better off), who has been the runner-up for the last 4 years, 8l in this race last year and this game front runner will ensure a decent pace.

PAT'S JESTER 1½l 2nd to Cliffalda over course and distance on reappearance (good) with **BALLYDURROW**, who was just starting to make his run after being held up, fell 2 out.

OLD EROS rounded off a successful juvenile campaign with a 5l 3rd to Royal Illusion at Aintree (2m, good).

SPROWSTON BOY showed best form last term at Sandown (2m, good) when 8l 2nd to Champion Hurdler Celtic Shot with **BALLYDURROW** (same terms) 7th of 12.

Selection: CELTIC CHIEF (nap)

2.25 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER (Novices: £2,212: 2m 4f) (6 runners) C 4

1	5101-11	RAPIER THRUST 21 (D,F,G,S) (R White) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-12	M Hammond	● 99
2	0-03050	BATTLE OF WITS 7 (G) (Developmore Ltd) T Cunningham 7-11-4	B Storey	—
3	3P0/122-	GALADINE 350 (S) (J Lawson) M H Easterby 6-11-4	L Wyer	—
6	0000-	THE MALTKILN 245 (H Young) H Wharton 5-11-4	P Harte (4)	—
7	35P-002	WARCHANT 14 (F,G) (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 6-10-13	S Turner (4)	90
8	45F1	NARANA 28 (G) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-6	A Merrigan	84

BETTING: 4-6 Rapier Thrust, 9-4 Galadine, 7-1 Narana, 14-1 Warchant, 25-1 others.

1987: RECORD HARVEST 6-11-4 L Wyer (5-4 fav) M H Easterby 5 ran

FORM **RAPIER THRUST** is developing into a smart novice chaser. Unbeaten in 2 starts over fences, the latest an unchallenged 5l success over Faaris at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm) and is sure to take all the beating.

NARANA is improving steadily. Last time out, benefited from casualties to run out a 7l winner over Pampering at Kelso (2m 6f, good).

WARCHANT was 6l 2nd of 5 to Macusla in a modest affair at Wetherby (2m 50yd, good to soft) last time.

GALADINE makes his chasing debut. A fair novice hurdler, his latest run was a 3l 2nd of 7 to Park Run here (2m 60yd, soft) last November.

Selection: RAPIER THRUST

2.55 COMEDY OF ERRORS NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,632: 2m) (13 runners)

1	2P1	BUY A LITE 8 (D,G) (J Wilkins) R Whitaker 11-2	S Turner (4)	84
3		BANK VIEW 14F (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 10-10	G McCourt	—
4	5	BATTLEPLAN 14 (H Blenkhorn) K Morgan 10-10	J J Quinn	—
5		CALL A TRUCE 11F (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 10-10	—	—
7		CROFT GILL 18F (J McDonald) N Bycroft 10-10	P Niven	—
8	0	GALLOWAY BREEZE 42 (W Allan) Denys Smith 10-10	P Richmond (7)	—
9		GIPSY'S TOKEN 424F (W Barron) N Chamberlain 10-10	A Orkney	—
12	0	PARESSE 8 (D Ryder) G Moore 10-10	M Hammond	—
13	226	POTATO KING 8 (Mrs J Park) Denys Smith 10-10	B Storey	85
14	23	SENATOR SNUGFIT 14 (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 10-10	S Sherwood	● 99
17	23	GO WIN GOLD 8 (BF) (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 10-5	R Marley	88
18		LESCLACHA 10F (G Turnbull Ltd) M Camacho 10-5	L Wyer	—
19		WINELLA 79F (Mrs V Nolan) E Alston 10-5	M Meagher	—

BETTING: 7-4 Senator Snugfit, 4-1 Buy A Lite, 9-2 Go Win Gold, 6-1 Paresse, 8-1 Bank View, 10-1 Leslacha, 12-1 others.

1987: ROYAL ILLUSION 11-2 M Hammond (11-8 fav) G Moore 15 ran

3.25 HUSSARS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,436: 2m) (7 runners)

2	022-121	BOUTZDAROFF 9 (D,F,G) (Robinson Publications) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7	J Hayes (7)	91
3	2023-12	FARNWORTH 17 (D,BF,S) (Mrs M Bird) G Moore 5-11-7	M Hammond	● 99
5	645-324	DUTCHELM 17 (S) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-0	A Merrigan	89
6	02-10	HAVERTHWAITE 16 (BF,F) (Gymcrak Racing) M H Easterby 6-11-0	R Marley	—
10		SPOT ON (K Lamach) D Lamb 5-11-0	K Jones	—
11	P0-	SUTTON BANK 392 (G) (P Purcell) P Monteith 10-11-0	D Nolan	—
12	0P00U-P	ANRIKA 7 (D Lee) D Lee 5-10-9	G Harker	—

BETTING: 7-4 Farnworth, 9-4 Boutzdaroff, 3-1 Haverthwaite, 12-1 Dutchelm, 20-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.55 FUSILIERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,376: 3m) (6 runners)

1	1R13-R2	SIR JEST 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 10-12-5	A Merrigan	89
3	1152/44-	BACKSTREET GUY 212 (D,F,G,S) (J Short) K Morgan 9-11-9	S Turner (4)	91
4	21225-4	COOL BREW 22 (D,S) (R Paisley) R Paisley 10-10-8	J K Kinane	● 99
5	2/2254P-	SILENT VALLEY 211 (CD,G,S) (J Walby) I Jordon 15-10-7	B Storey	82
6	6220-21	GREEN GORSE 15 (D,S) (S Lycett Green) N Crump 8-10-2 (4ex)	P Harte (4)	91
9	4/0005	GREENHILL HALL 8 (F,G) (Don Enrico Incisa) N Tinkler 12-10-0	Ger Lyons (4)	—

Long handicap: Greenhill Hall 8-5.

BETTING: 9-4 Green Gorse, 11-4 Sir Jest, 3-1 Cool Brew, 7-1 Backstreet Guy, 12-1 Silent Valley, 14-1 Greenhill Hall.

1987: HANDY TRICK 6-10-8 C Grant (7-4 fav) W A Stephenson 5 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Thornton	4	5	80.0	M Hammond	9	62	14.5
Jimmy Fitzgerald	20	52	38.5	L Wyer	4	32	12.5
M Camacho	3	9	33.3	B Storey	10	99	10.1
N Tinkler	3	11	27.3				
M H Easterby	13	59	22.0				
R Whitaker	3	14	21.4				

(Only qualifiers)

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Black Comedy. 1.30 Staghound. 2.0 Davy's Weir. 2.30 *Greenhills Joy*. 3.0 Impertain. 3.30 Kameo Style.

Going: firm

1.0 KIMBOLTON NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,067: 2m 100yd) (12 runners)

1	0-00	FINAL SELECTION 7 T Etherington 5-11-10	Mr D Robinson
3	-100	MUHAJJAL 18 (F) J Gifford 6-11-10	R Rowe
5	-330	VICKSTOWN 9 B Morgan 6-11-10	C Prince (7)
7	040-	GO SOUTH 39F J Jenkins 4-11-6	—
8	4430	ARTISTIC CHAMPION 21 J Jenkins 5-11-3	M Ahern
12	P	SARDAR 9 K Wingrove 6-11-1	Miss A Langton
14	34P-	TINA'S BEAUTY 138F J Redmond 4-11-1	D Gallagher
18	205-6	BLACK COMEDY 33F (BF) M Ryan 5-10-13	J Ryan (4)
21	-F0	CORNCHARM 22 B McMahon 7-10-12	P Dever
27		MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 38F P Burgoyne 4-10-9	A Charlton (4)
28	-506	FORT WAPPING 18 (B) A Moore 4-10-8	Candy Morris (4)
29	0-00	SABOTEUR 9 I Campbell 4-10-8	R Campbell

15-8 Black Comedy, 3-1 Muhajjal, 4-1 Vickstown, 10-1 Go South, 12-1 Fort Wapping, 14-1 Artistic Champion.

1.30 TETWORTH NOVICES CHASE (£1,931: 3m) (3)

1	1242	SKYGRANGE 14 (F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-10	—
2	35-1	STAGHOUND 57 (CD,F,S) J Gifford 6-11-10	R Rowe
16	0F-4	TOMMY'S TREASURE 21 Mrs R Williams 11-11-3	Mr S Cowell

2-7 Staghound, 4-1 Skygrange, 10-1 Tommy's Treasure.

2.0 MACER GIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,292: 2m 4f) (3)

2	4F0-	DRIVE ON JIMMY 161 (D,G,S) Mrs E Heath 10-12-0	Mr P Harding-Jones (7)
7	-111	DAVY'S WEIR 11 (CD,F,G) J Gifford 8-10-11 (4ex)	R Rowe
10	5P24	SCHLEMMER 11 (V,S) G Enright 6-10-0	R Arnott

1-3 Davy's Weir, 5-1 Drive On Jimmy, 6-1 Schlemmer.

2.30 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,224: 2m 10yd) (15)

3	-PP0	CLEO LADY 9 W Mann 5-11-0	J Doyle
5	4-	GREENHILLS JOY 7F M Ryan 5-11-0	J McLaughlin
6	F0	HACHIMITSU 7 S Mellor 5-11-0	Alison Begley (7)
7	-PSU	LADY OWEN 57 (B) R Spicer 5-11-0	S Johnson
9	-PUF	LE MARSH 19 J Scallan 11-11-0	M Furlong
12	22-3	SAILORS PRIDE 63 B Morgan 8-11-0	S J O'Neill
13	0B	SNARRY HILL 40 Roy Robinson 5-11-0	C Dennis (4)
14	0P-0	THE MANSON FLYER 9 G Prest 5-11-0	A Gorman
16		CEDESA 7F J Jenkins 4-10-10	M Ahern
17		GOLDEN SCALLY J Gifford 4-10-10	R Rowe
18	303	HASTY SARAH 12F W Brooks 4-10-10	D Gallagher
19	0-06	LOST MOMENT 5 S Harris 4-10-10	S Keightley
20	5-0	MISS CHARMING 21 M Ryan 4-10-10	J Ryan (4)
22	F0	SPARKLING BRITT 9 J Sayers 4-10-10	E McKinley
23	00-	SPRING SUN 231 S Dow 4-10-10	A Charlton (4)

7-4 Greenhills Joy, 11-4 Sailors Pride, 9-2 Golden Scally, 8-1 Miss Charming, 10-1 Cedesa, 14-1 Lady Owen, 20-1 others.

3.0 BEDFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,612: 2m 200yd) (6)

1	-PP6	SKYLANDER 9 (B,D,F,G) S Christian 9-12-4	A Mulholland
2	3P-P	TROMEROS 8 (D,F,G) K Wingrove 7-11-8	J Railton
5	-023	VAGUELY ARTISTIC 9 (B,CD,F,S) G Hubbard 6-10-10	B Murphy
7	4222	IMPERTAIN 24 T Cunningham 6-10-8	S Cunningham
8	0006	LULAV 2 (D,G,S) J Bridger 10-10-8	Rachel Bridger
9	5FP0	DUELLING 31 (B) C Holmes 7-10-0	Karen Dixon

11-8 Impertain, 15-8 Vaguely Artistic, 7-1 Skylander, 12-1 Tromeros, 14-1 Lulav, 20-1 Duelling.

3.30 PORT HOLME HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,566: 2m 4f) (7)

10	25-5	KAMEO STYLE 21 P Jones 5-11-10	M Kinane
15	P0P-4	SEE YOU THERE 21 I Matthews 6-11-4	M Furlong
16	P-65	FOREMAST 49 (S) J Jenkins 5-11-2	R Rowe
17	13-0	FOUR FOR UNCLE 19 (F,G) I Campbell 6-11-2	R Campbell
18	0-R0	THE ENID 14 (S) J Davies 8-11-1	Candy Morris (4)
22		LYSIMACHUS 1188F (S) M Ryan 8-10-13	J Ryan (4)
29		JOSHING 901 (CD,F) R Spicer 7-10-0	S Johnson

7-4 Kameo Style, 5-2 See You There, 9-2 Foremast, 6-1 Four For Uncle, 10-1 The Enid, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: I Matthews, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; S Christian, 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Davies, 3 from 14, 21.4%; J Gifford, 19 from 94, 20.2%; M Ryan, 5 from 29, 17.2%; P Jones, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Charlton, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; R Rowe, 14 from 83, 16.9%. (Only qualifiers).

WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Five Corners. 1.45 Cumrew. 2.20 Oublier L'Ennui. 2.55 No One To Blame. 3.30 Biloxi Blues. 4.0 Princeable Lady.

Going: good to firm

1.15 MARINA NOVICES HURDLE (£902: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

1	6-61	ROSTREAMER 18 (D,G) C Brewery 5-11-3	I Lawrence (7)
12	2	FIVE CORNERS 14 (S) D Nicholson 5-10-10	R Dunwoody
15	P3P-	GROVELANDS 259 R Curtis 6-10-10	R Goldstein
17	60-0	LOUDER THAN WORDS 11 D Thom 4-10-10	B Powell
20	6/-0	NOTHING BUT 14 J Baker 6-10-10	M Williams
22	U0-0	PONTEUS PILOT 16 D Gandolfo 7-10-10	S McNeill
23	050-	PROPLUS 210 J Edwards 6-10-10	T Morgan
24	060-	R LAD 194 M Madgwick 4-10-10	H Davies
25	0	ROBESON 16 J Gifford 5-10-10	Peter Hobbs
27	PP-	SAN OVAC 213 C Brooks 5-10-10	B de Haan
28	00-3	SERIOUS MAN 18 D Grissell 5-10-10	M Perrett

4-6 Five Corners, 3-1 Serious Man, 9-2 Rostreamer, 10-1 Proplus, 12-1 Grovelands, 16-1 others.

1.45 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,742: 3m) (6)

2	-400	CANON CLASS 21 (F,G) D Nicholson 7-12-0	R Dunwoody
5	3F4-	CUMREW 191 (B,D,G,S) N Henderson 8-11-8	J White
11	5413	KYOTO 16 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 10-11-2	J Osborne
14	1-11	WARLEGGAN 22 (D,F,G) G Ham 7-10-13	B Powell
15	0-22	MISTER CHRISTIAN 18 (S) D Barons 7-10-13	P Nicholls
16	1-U5	WESTERN TINT 11 (F) Miss L Bower 8-10-13	Mr C Burnett-Wells (7)

Evens Warleggan, 5-2 Cumrew, 6-1 Mister Christian, Kyoto, 12-1 Western Tint, 16-1 Canon Class.

2.20 MILL STREAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,131: 2m 30yd) (22)

1	1	CHASMARELLA 16F (G) A Davison 10-12	—
4		CAPTAIN CUTE 9F D Thom 10-10	D Murphy
6		CHAN FU 89F R Akehurst 10-10	—
8		CREECH WOOD 45F M Madgwick 10-10	H Davies
10		DISCO DUKE A Moore 10-10	G Moore
12	9	ELYSIAN WARRIOR 22 E Wheeler 10-10	J White
17		HORTONDALE 379F R Holder 10-10	E Murphy
19		JACK'S BUSH A Moore 10-10	W Morris
21	6	KING OF THE CLOUDS 9 D Nicholson 10-10	R Dunwoody
23	6	MARCHMAN 22 J King 10-10	—
26		OLD DUTCH HOLBORN 88F F Jordan 10-10	B Wright
27		OLD KILPATRICK 86F R O'Sullivan 10-10	—
37	0	UCANBID 19 B Stevens 10-10	R Strange
39		VIKING VENTURE 69F O Wilson 10-10	—
40		WAPPENBURY HALL 156F P Bailey 10-10	B de Haan
43		BIRCHGREY LADY 75F P Mitchell 10-5	—
47		L'ENCHERE 11F G Gracey 10-5	M Cassidy (7)
48		LITTLE CRUISER D Nicholson 10-5	D Evans (7)
50	22	OUBLIER L'ENNUI 22 (BF) Miss B Sanders 10-5	R Goldstein
51	P	PENNYSAVER 8 S Davis 10-5	Mr P Hamer
53		ROMANO HATI 388F D Jermy 10-5	A Dicks
55		SISTER CHERYL 85F R Frost 10-5	J Frost

3-1 Oublier L'Ennui, 7-2 King Of The Clouds, 5-1 Elysian Warrior, 8-1 Chasmarella, 10-1 Sister Cheryl.

2.55 SAXON HOUSE NOVICES CHASE (£4,994: 2m 5f) (10)

2	0P-1	CHAIS DU FONDATEUR 31 (G) R Curtis 6-11-10	R Goldstein
3	-4F1	MAJOR MATCH 22 (G) T Forster 6-11-10	Mr M Armytage
6	040-	AL'S SON 224 K Ivory 7-11-3	H Davies
7	231-	BLACK MONKEY 316 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-3	R Dunwoody
8	0PP-	BOITHRIN 251 T Etherington 6-11-3	E Murphy
4	4/0-0	HASTY GAMBLE 11 (F,S) A Moore 8-11-3	G Moore
20	52-F	NO ONE TO BLAME 21 (S) N Henderson 6-11-3	J White
23	3-62	RANDOM CHARGE 16 A Turnell 7-11-3	Steve Knight
24	10-2	ROSCOE HARVEY 16 (BF,G) C Brooks 6-11-3	B de Haan
26	0/-0	TONI'S WHATSISNAME 23 W Williams 7-11-3	Mark Williams

5-2 Random Charge, 3-1 Roscoe Harvey, 4-1 Black Monkey, 13-2 Major Match, Chais Du Fondateur.

3.30 ETON WICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,914: 2m 40yd) (13)

3	1111	PANTOMIME PRINCE 14 (D,F,G) C Thornton 5-11-7	D Wilkinson
6	410-	ALASKA RUN 322 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-2	R Dunwoody
7	-04B	ARTIC CHIEF 9 T Jones 7-11-2	H Davies
9	0-20	BILOXI BLUES 7 (G,S) K Bailey 6-11-2	M Perrett
10	2-5F	CANUCK CLOWN 11 A Moore 7-11-2	G Moore
13	P-00	LE MODESTY 14 A Moore 6-11-2	W Morris
21	24-0	SIR'S AT THE GIN 16 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-2	—
24	0-F2	VINCANTO 25 (G) J Gifford 6-11-2	Peter Hobbs
27	P	LITTLE GENERAL 11 G Gregson 5-11-0	J White
28	83/-	MOURADABIA 556F S Christian 5-11-0	J Osborne
29	F000	NIPPY CHIPPY 21 (G,S) G Roe 5-11-0	P McDermott (7)
30	-0P	TOPKAPI 14 (F) J White 5-11-0	K Burke
32	6P/-	RIBBLE STAR 16F P Butler 7-10-11	R Goldstein

13-8 Pantomime Prince, 10-3 Vincanto, 4-1 Sir's At The Gin, 8-1 Biloxi Blues, 10-1 Alaska Run, 12-1 Artic Chief.

4.0 SANDFORD DENE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,206: 2m 30yd) (17)

3	11R-	ASSULTAN 231 (D,F,G) B Curley 4-11-12	D Murphy
4	26-0	AFARISTOUN 21 (D,S) J Edwards 4-11-12	T Morgan
7	66	CANONESS 11 (D,F) P Hayward 7-11-8	B Wright
8	154-	FAIRTHORNE LAD 210 (D,F,S) M Madgwick 4-11-8	R Dunwoody
9	61-2	PRINCEABLE LADY 57 (D,F,S) N Gaselee 4-11-8	B Powell
11	30-F	XYLOPHONE 31 (D,F) Miss L Bower 6-11-2	R Rowell
12	-660	PRINCESS SEMELE 35 (B,D,F,S) K Bailey 4-11-2	M Perrett
13	P0-6	HAIRY HAT 14 (S) J Gifford 5-11-2	E Murphy
16	0-42	MOUNTAIN MAN 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Dickin 12-10-13	M Jones (7)
18	6/0-5	ACONITUM 30 (D,S) J Jenkins 7-10-12	J Osborne
19	43-0	LADY WINDMILL 14 (D,G) B Stevens 5-10-11	S Moore
23	6518	SEATON GIRL 15 (D,F) R Frost 4-10-7	J Frost
24	164-	WAR CHILD 205 (D,S) A Moore 4-10-7	G Moore
26	624-	BATU 177 (B,D,F) D Grissell 7-10-7	H Davies
31	00-0	SLIM HOPE 18 N Henderson 4-10-2	J White
34	/F-3	BARRERA LAD 19 (D,F,G) R Townsend 8-10-0	Mr D Townsend (7)
37	-3UP	OH MY JOY 31 (F) Miss B Sanders 4-10-0	R Goldstein

4-1 Princeable Lady, 9-2 Hairy Hat, 6-1 Afaristoun, Assultan, 8-1 Mountain Man, Seaton Girl, 10-1 Barrera Lad.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J King, 4 winners from 20 runners, 20.0%; A Turnell, 4 from 21, 19.0%; P Mitchell, 3 from 18, 16.7%; D Grissell, 4 from 27, 14.8%; T Forster, 8 from 63, 12.7%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: Steve Knight, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.6%; R Dunwoody, 7 from 54, 13.0%; M Perrett, 3 from 23, 13.0%. (Only qualifiers).

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

1.0 (3m ch): 1, **BIGSUN** (Mr M Armytage, 11-10 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Glenavey (Mr T Grantham, 4-1); 3, Robert Henry (Mr W Sporborg, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Celtic Flight (ur), 20 Croghan Star (ur), 25 Brickyard (5th), Mrs Molly (4th), 50 Black Beetle (6th), 66 Chili Sauce (f). 9 ran. 15l, 12l, 1½l, dist, dist. D Nicholson at Stow-On-The-Wold. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.20, £6.90. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.70.

1.35 (2m 4f hdle): 1, **COPSE AND ROBBERS** (T Pinfield, 13-8 fav); 2, Steve King (I Lawrence, 14-1); 3, Celtic Bob (V Slattery, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Blanton Reserve (6th), 11 Edward's Corner (5th), Charlie Dickins, Record Dancer (4th), 14 Coral Leisure (pu), 33 Emir Sultan, Mists of Time, Patchouli's Pet, Sunwood, Super Regal, 66 Amal Lees Hope. 14 ran. Nk, 12l, ¾l, 2l, 7l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £3.70, £2.20. DF: £13.00. CSF: £24.39. Tricast: £235.66.

2.10 (3m 1f hdle): 1, **TEWIT CASTLE** (D Browne, 9-2); 2, Alphasonic (M Perrett, 16-1); 3, Inde Pulse (J Osborne, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Coruscate, 10 Myfiego (4th), Yiragan, 16 Joli Wasfi (pu), 20 Between The Lines, 33 Another Troup, The Curate (pu), Ravelston, 50 Di's Delight (5th), Gerunty (6th), Young William, 66 Cockney General (pu), Dollard Lad (pu), Dundrum House (pu), Harvel Stream (pu). 16 ran. 6l, 1l, 6l, 7l, 20l. D Lee at Kirkbymoorside. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £3.20, £1.60. DF: £33.20. CSF: £68.82.

2.45 (2m ch): 1, **TARN** (K Mooney, 2-1 fav); 2, The Walder (B Dowling, 5-2); 3, Clay Hill (R Rowe, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Cottage Run (4th), 10 Baluchi (f). 5 ran. 1l, 1l, 7l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.06.

3.20 (3m ch): 1, **GOLDEN FRIEND** (S Sherwood, 11-8 fav); 2, Playschool (P Nicholls, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 2 Yeoman Broker (f), 6 Against The Grain (ur). 4 ran. Hd. Mrs M Rimell at Severn Stoke. Tote: £2.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.99.

3.55 (2m hdle): 1, **CALAPAEZ** (S Sherwood, 4-5 fav); 2, Tebitto (Steve Knight, 7-2); 3, French Goblin (R Rowe, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 14 Wink Gulliver (4th), 20 Eastern Quartet (5th), 200 Run of Weld (6th), Picton Lass. 7 ran. 4l, 10l, 1½l, 2l, dist. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.98.

Jackpot: £1,331.60
Placepot: £2.80

Market Rasen

Going: good (soft patches in straight)

1.10 (2m hdle): 1, **GOOD POINT** (M Dwyer, Evens fav); 2, Raspberry Copse (S Turner, 3-1); 3, Nautical Belle (S McNeill, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Up-A-Point (5th), 10 Native Smile (pu), 12 Talland Bay (f), 14 O'Connell Street (6th), 16 The Overnight Man (4th), 33 Princess Lucianne, Chief Hotfoot (f), Jo Verdi (pu), Lynsdale Boy (pu), Stanford Boy (f), Jasmin Path, Your Office. 15 ran. NR: Spoiled Brat. 8l, 6l, 12l, 10l, ¾l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £6.20. CSF: £5.45. Bought in for 7,000gns.

1.40 (3m ch): 1, **PROUD PILGRIM** (M Dwyer, 7-2 jt fav); 2, Sam da Vinci (L Wyer, 7-2 jt fav); 2, Durham Edition (J O'Gorman, 8-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 4 Gerami, 6 Bassacarr Boy (6th), 13-2 Perroquet (5th), 8 Bucko (4th). 7 ran. 2½l, 4l, 4l, 3l, 25l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £2.30. DF: £11.90. CSF: £15.21.

2.10 (2m hdle): 1, **LAVROSKY** (P Scudamore, 6-4 jt fav); 2, Nicoridge (N Doughty, 20-1); 3, Stairkhan (T Wall, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 jt fav Lumberjack (4th), 8 Asturias (5th), 12 Aristocrat Velvet, Quessard, 16 Touchwood, 25 Einstein (pu), 33 Geostar, Manton Mark, Miami Bay, North Wold Park, Optional Choice, The Nettle Danger (f), Yuvraj (6th), Gunabee Royd, Patient Dreamer, Popping On, Reddy Girl. 20 ran. 12l, 1l, 2½l, 3l, nk. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £4.50, £13.80. DF: £44.40. CSF: £32.89.

2.40 (2m 5f ch): 1, **HOLLY BUOY** (P Niven, 9-2); 2, Stagaman (G Bradley, 25-1); 3, Tartan Trademark (P Tuck, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Smith's Gamble (bd), 3 The Jolly Beggar (pu), 12 Little Serenity (4th), 16 Golden Glitter (f), 20 Scrambird (bd), 50 Battle's Town Boy (ur), Braon Veaga (pu), Bruneval (pu), Media Boy (pu), Night Magic (6th), Torrington Warrior (f), Betty's Girl (5th). 15 ran. Nk, sh hd, 25l, 20l, 15l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn by the Sea. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £3.40, £1.60. DF: £57.90. CSF: £97.88.

3.10 (2m hdle): 1, **RINGMORE** (R Fahey, 7-2); 2, Sir Speedy (D O'Sullivan, 8-1); 3, Apple Wise (M Dwyer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Tamatour (4th), 7-2 Zagazig, 6 Royal Effigy (pu), 9 What A Line, Country Jimmy, 20 Mcgillicuddy, 25 Boreham Down (5th), Emerkala (6th), 33 Padykin, Marina Plata. 13 ran. ¾l, 8l, 6l, ¾l, 3l. J Parkes at Malton. Tote: £5.10; £2.40, £3.20, £2.50. DF: £109.50. CSF: £33.34. Tricast: £338.80.

3.40 (2m ch): 1, **KEVINSFORT** (M Dwyer, 3-1); 2, Starjestic (G Bradley, 4-1); 3, Record Harvest (L Wyer, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Sharp Song (4th), 11 Nonstop (5th). 5 ran. NR: Al-Alam. Hd, 6l, ½l, 1½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £10.10. CSF: £13.60. After a Stewards' inquiry and an objection by the second to the winner, result stood.

4.10 (2m 4f hdle): 1, **BLUE RAINBOW** (P Scudamore, 9-4); 2, Depfete (G Bradley, 6-1); 3, Solar Time (C Dennis, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Yorkshire Holly (6th), 14 Mind Your Back, 20 Mill Farm Girl, Westmans Wagon, 25 Super Sol (4th), 33 Caesar's Captain (pu), Cat Island (5th), Printers Devil (pu), 50 Fire Mistral (pu), General Medford (f), Kassala, Knockalena (pu). 15 ran. 1½l, 6l, 3l, 20l, 3l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £1.30, £3.30. DF: £9.10. CSF: £18.71.

Placepot: £282.20

Hexham

Going: good

1.0 (3m ch) 1, **Court Guest** (M Hammond, 13-8 fav); 2, Espley Lady (12-1); 3, Linden Brig (20-1). 7 ran. 15l, dist. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.20; £2.00, £3.60. DF: £37.30. CSF: £18.55.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Arum Lilly** (G McCourt, 1-3 fav); 2, Princess Disigner (20-1); 3, Montaz Dancer (33-1). 10 ran. 12l, 1½l. N Tinkler. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £11.70, £13.30. DF: £14.90. CSF: £12.58. Bought in 6,600gns.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, **Paddy Hayton** (C Hawkins, 6-1); 2, Telegraph Bush (7-2); 3, La Bosul (7-1). Joe's Fancy 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 6l, 25l. S Leadbetter. Tote: £8.80; £2.40, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £11.50. CSF: £25.63. Tricast: £133.31.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Keyanloch** (A Orkney, 6-1); 2, Bellepheron (11-1); 3, Lucky West (4-6 fav). 14 ran. hd, 4l. B Wilkinson. Tote: £4.00; £1.10, £5.30, £1.70. DF: £41.70. CSF: £77.39.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Lackider** (R Guest, 4-1); 2, Impoge (9-2); 3, Ground Master (16-1). Mr Perfect 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 7l, 10l. J Johnson. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £17.90. CSF: £19.38. Tricast: £198.15.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **King's Harvest** (M Hammond, 4-6 fav); 2, Copeland Lad (12-1); 3, West Ender (7-1). 13 ran. 7l, 1½l. G Moore. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.90, £3.90. DF: £12.80. CSF: £13.99.

4.0 (2m flat) 1, **Strong Fancy** (P Harte, 100-30 fav); 2, Chotomski (6-1); 3, Palm Reader (10-1). 11 ran. 10l, ¾l. H Wharton. Tote: £4.40; £1.20, £2.40, £5.50. DF: £11.90. CSF: £20.45.

Placepot: £20.30.

Childhood of the Champions: Martin Bell

From racoon to greyhound

Are champions born or made? **Mick Cleary** traces the rise of Martin Bell

Downhill climber: Bell's eighth position in the Olympics is the best ever by a British skier (Photograph: John Manning)

Another weekend's skiing in the Alps over, Martin Bell would pack his bags and head back to school. He was greeted by his school mates in their usual affectionate manner. "Racoon, racoon," was the cry as he walked through the doors of George Watson's College in Edinburgh. The fierce mountain sun had tanned his face, all bar the area protected by his skiing goggles, which accounted for the curious two-toned racoon-like features.

It was a scene repeated many times during his years at Watson's. Nearly every weekend was spent skiing in the Cairngorms, and several times a year Bell would fly out with the British junior ski team to competitions abroad

By the age of 14 travelling had lost most of its initial appeal. Although the skiing was fun, the constant packing and unpacking, the monotony of airport and railway waiting rooms and the blur of timetables had become a chore. Bell hit upon a novel solution. He moved school. To Austria.

Bell had already achieved all that it was possible to achieve in Britain. To progress he needed all year round access to slopes as well as the spur of real competition. He was without peer for his age in Britain and, by 13, was in the British under-16 team.

The four-year spell in an Austrian school was made easier to achieve by another of Bell's strengths. He was outstandingly bright for his age. At five he had a reading age of 11; by the age of nine he had won a scholarship to Watson's; his class-mates were three years older but it was a disparity which was never reflected in academic performance.

At 14 Bell took his Scottish Highers and achieved six A grades. Small wonder that the entrance examination for the specialist ski academy in Stams, near Innsbruck, posed few problems, even though it was conducted in German.

The rigorous physical conditioning and autumn skiing which the school provided paid off. Within a year Bell was in the British senior team. There must be something in the Bell genes, for his brother Graham, 13 months his junior, is the British No. 2 to Martin.

The brothers were first taken skiing when Martin was aged six. They had been born in Cyprus, where their father, Rod, was serving as a Flight Lieutenant with the RAF. The Bells were keen on hill walking, but subsequent postings in Norfolk and Lincoln provided limited access to hilly terrain, so the family would often adjourn to the Pennines to join Jean Bell's parents on holiday. The natural progression was to skiing, which they first did at Easter, 1971.

The boys were smitten by the exhilaration of it all. "I just have a vivid impression of it being tremendous fun," he recalls. "A year later we went abroad for the first time, and although I received some tuition it was still very much a playful occasion.

"It was not until I was about eight years old that anybody realized that I might have more than an ordinary talent. I won a competition for the fastest descent of a dry ski slope in Nottingham. The prize was a three-week course with an Alpine summer school the following year. Everybody else was a good few years older, so it was quite an experience."

A year later Rod Bell took a posting in Edinburgh, simply because it was near the mountains and the city had the longest dry ski-run in Britain.

Martin was already showing promise in competitions against boys five or six years older. On one family holiday his parents met the Olympic champion, Bernhard Russi. He had noticed Martin, aged 10, and told them he had the makings of a champion. When Peter Lorenz, the British ski team trainer, said the same three years later the parents had little hesitation in applying for a place at Stams.

It was an intensely competitive school. "The great thing about Stams was that it made me aggressive," Martin says. "I had become used to coasting down some runs, because that was all I needed to do. In top-class downhill racing that sort of lackadaisical attitude gets you nowhere." Bell's eighth place in this year's Olympics at Calgary, the best-ever performance by a British man, illustrates just how far he has come.

Eyeing the peak: Bell's skill as a boy angured well for his future

Injuries exact heavy toll on tennis circuit

Strain and pain the ice man's fellow travellers

***RICHARD EVANS** reports from Stuttgart on the physical problems that concrete courts inflict on Grand Prix players. These problems are compounded when mental fatigue sets in through the demands of a relentless itinerary.*

THE CASUALTY LIST

ATP Rank	Name	T'ments played	Earnings (US$)	Injuries
1	M Wilander (Swe)	14	881,731	Shin splints (current)
2	I Lendl (Cz)	10	598,938	Shoulder operation (September)
3	A Agassi (US)	16	627,062	Hand (current)
4	B Becker (WG)	14	861,953	Foot (September, out for five weeks); foot ligament (current)
5	S Edberg (Swe)	15	927,802	Knee
6	K Carlsson (Swe)	13	472,539	Chronic knee problems; advised to play only on clay
7	J Connors (US)	14	298,866	Various strains: had to default in Milan final because of pulled muscle: intends to have operations on both feet
8	T Mayotte (US)	15	431,143	No serious problems all year
9	P Cash (Aus)	10	184,423	Ankle injury, then strained leg muscle; will not play again until January
10	M Mecir (Cz)	14	264,271	Back injury (was out for three months pre-Wimbledon
11	Y Noah (Fr)	10	252,841	Knee injury (September; has not played since)
12	H Leconte (Fr)	18	327,625	Hepatitis after-effects early in year; injured hand at Milan when he punched marker board

"Look," John McEnroe said, cheerily pointing to an ice-pack wedged between his shoulder and the dressing-room wall and another lying across the side of his right foot. "Only two! I must be one of the fittest guys on the tour."

If only two parts of his body were hurting, McEnroe must indeed be one of the least injured members of the travelling casualty ward that is staggering towards the end of another bruising year on the international tennis circuit.

Tim Mayotte is the only player among the top dozen in the world (McEnroe has only just climbed back to No. 13 on the ATP computer) who has not had to take time off during 1988 because of injury. "Physically, that is," Mayotte, a dedicated Bostonian, who is into his third month of trans-oceanic travel without a break, says. "Mentally, I think I lost it somewhere between Sydney and Frankfurt."

As our chart shows, players such as Ivan Lendl, Pat Cash and Yannick Noah are not going to be able to fulfil their Men's Tennis Council commitment of 14 Grand Prix events during the year and even with a reduction to 12, Lendl is still going to fall short.

The injury problem among the next 12 is hardly any better. Eight of those have been off the tour for long periods. One of them, Andres Gomez, suffers from a chronic shoulder problem deriving from tendonitis in the rotator cuff and says: "The pain is just part of my life. When it gets bad I just have a couple of beers and try to forget about it."

When the top players meet these days, conversation tends to centre on their latest ailment. "Why are you playing again so soon?" Boris Becker asked, as he stood on one leg (his left foot was encased in plaster) chatting to Lendl in the lobby of the Inter-Continental here earlier this week. "Shouldn't you have taken longer after your operation?"

"That's what the doctor said," Lendl grinned, "but he knew he wasn't going to keep me off the court as long as he wanted. Actually, I needed to play to prevent the muscles from becoming too weak."

With so much time spent on the treatment table, many players are becoming experts on the inner workings of their bodies. "Basically there were three things wrong with my shoulder," Lendl was telling us after one of his matches in the Stuttgart Classic. "First there were some loose pieces of cartilage; then there was a joint which had been broken, no telling when, and had grown back crooked, and then the problem that concerned the doctor most is a ligament with a hole in it which is supposed to be on the bone and is peeling off."

Hollywood scriptwriters looking for new material for the next hospital soap opera could do worse than join the tennis tour — but preferably before 1990 because their physical condition is one of the prime reasons why the players are so determined to run their own circuit.

It is a problem that concerns the leading players more than the others because they play five or six days a week, with only one left for travel, while first-round and second-round losers have far more time to recuperate.

Ion Tiriac, who is built like an ox and played ice hockey for Romania before spending years on the tennis tour, pinpoints two reasons for the plague of injuries in a sport that does not appear to be among the most dangerous in the world.

"Cement courts and travel," Tiriac says. "Just ask a doctor what playing the kind of tennis Becker plays on cement does to the ligaments in the ankle and knee. Then there is the travel, which leaves people exhausted. Being tired makes a player five times more prone to injury.

"It was not such a problem in our day because we used to spend five weeks on clay in Italy; another few weeks in Germany and then go to England to try and play on grass. Criss-crossing the Atlantic and flying to Australia every minute was just not part of our lives."

Bill Norris and Todd Snyder, two of the ATP trainers who spend their life trying to patch up the players, would agree with Tiriac. "If I had my way, the whole tour would be on clay," Norris told me recently. "After a few weeks on Decoturf (the uncushioned acrylic surface used at, and prior to, the US Open) I have more guys in my treatment room at Flushing Meadow than at any other time of the year. Knees and lower back strains are the critical areas. Those courts give them a pounding."

As the ATP gains greater control over conditions on the tour, it seems likely that Decoturf is doomed. The players were favourably surprised by the cushioned Rebound Ace surface which has been laid at the new Flinders Park complex in Melbourne and this, or courts like it, will soon become obligatory for those tournaments wishing to use something other than clay or grass.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Charlton v Everton
Coventry v Luton
Derby v Manchester Utd
Liverpool v Millwall
Middlesbrough v QPR
Newcastle v Arsenal
Norwich v Sheffield Wed
Southampton v Aston Villa
Tottenham v Wimbledon
West Ham v Nottingham F

Second division

Barnsley v Bradford
Blackburn v Brighton
Bournemouth v Crystal Palace
Chelsea v Sunderland
Leeds v West Brom
Manchester C v Watford
Oxford v Birmingham
Portsmouth v Plymouth
Swindon v Ipswich
Walsall v Leicester

FA VASE: First round replays: Eastbourne Town v Cray Wanderers (2.00); Ramsgate v Three Bridges; Rochester v Eastwood Hanley; Salford v Droylsden; Selby v Vauxhall Motors (2.15).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v West Ham; Chelsea v Cambridge Utd, Fulham v Watford; Ipswich Town v Tottenham, Norwich City v Leyton Orient; Portsmouth v Gillingham; QPR v Millwall; Southend Utd v Arsenal. Second division: Bristol City v Brentford; Bristol Rovers v Crystal Palace; Colchester v Brighton and Hove; Swindon Town v Southampton; Luton Town v Bournemouth; Northampton v Oxford; Reading v Wimbledon

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v St Albans City; Bishop's Stortford v Tooting and Mitcham; Croydon v Farnborough; Dulwich Hamlet v Hendon; Grays v Bromley; Harrow Borough v Carshalton; Kingstonian v Bognor Regis Town; Leytonstone Ilford v Hayes, Marlow v Windsor and Eton; Slough T v Dagenham; Wokingham v Leyton Wingate. First division: Basildon Utd v Chalfont St Peter; Boreham Wood v Kingsbury; Chesham Utd v Lewes; Metropolitan Police v Collier Row; Southwick v Bracknell Town; Uxbridge v Hitchin; Walton and Hersham v Staines; Wembley v Leatherhead; Wivenhoe Town v Basingstoke Town; Woking v Worthing. Second division north: Aveley v Hertford Town; Hemel Hempstead v Billericay Town; Harlow Town v Tring Town; Hornchurch v Barton Rovers; Tilbury v Letchworth Garden C, Ware v Royston; Wolverton Town (MK) v Stevenage Borough. Second division south: Epsom and Ewell v Maidenhead; Flackwell Heath v Southall; Horsham v Ruislip Manor; Hungerford Town v Molesey; Petersfield Utd v Chertsey Town. Whyteleafe v Finchley; Yeading v Camberley; Eastbourne v Newbury Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Alfreton Town; Congleton Town v Workington; Curzon Ashton v Winsford Utd; Farsley Celtic v Newtown; Lancaster city v Irlam Town, Leek Town v Penrith; Netherfield v Colne Dynamoes; Whitley Bay v Radcliffe.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Tamworth; Atherstone v Spalding Utd; Bilston v Banbury Utd; Forest Green v Rushden; Grantham v Gloucester; Hednesford Town v Coventry; Kings Lynn v Nuneaton; Mile Oak v Bridgnorth; Stourbridge v Halesowen; Sutton Coldfield v Willenhall; Wellingborough v Dudley. Southern division: Baldock Town v Poole Town;

Third division

Blackpool v Aldershot
Bolton v Bury
Bristol Rovers v Gillingham
Cardiff v Northampton
Chester v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Brentford
Notts County v Southend
Port Vale v Swansea
Reading v Preston
Sheffield Utd v Fulham
Wigan v Bristol City
Wolverhampton v Huddersfield

Fourth division

Cambridge Utd v Rotherham
Carlisle v Darlington
Crewe v Tranmere
Doncaster v Peterborough
Hartlepool v Grimsby
Hereford v Halifax
Lincoln v Exeter
Rochdale v Wrexham
Scarborough v Burnley
Scunthorpe v Leyton Orient

Buckingham v Gravesend; Bury Town v Andover; Canterbury v Erith and Belvedere; Corinthian v Salisbury; Folkestone v Sheppey; Hastings Town v Witney; Hounslow v Burnham; Ruislip v Dunstable; Tonbridge AFC v Thanet Utd; Trowbridge Town v Chelmsford.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v St Helens Town (2.15); Burscough v Knowsley Utd; Colwyn Bay v Clitheroe (2.15); Darwen v Ellesmere Port and N; Leyland Motors v Ashton Utd; Prescot Cables v Skelmersdale Utd (2.15); Rossendale Utd v Atherton LR; Warrington Town v Formby (2.15).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple Town v Mangotsfield Utd; Chard Town v Radstock Town; Clevedon Town v Welton Rovers; Dawlish Town v Plymouth Argyle; Exmouth Town v Torrington; Liskeard Ath v Swanage & Herston; Minehead v Frome Town; Saltash Utd v Bristol Manor Farm; Taunton Town v Paulton Rovers; Weston Super Mare v Bideford. First division: Backwell Utd v Ilfracombe Town (2.30); Bath City v Exmore; Bridport v Warminster (2.30); Glastonbury v Clandown (2.30); Heavitree Utd v Larkall Ath (2.30); Odd Down v Westbury Utd (2.30); Ottery St Mary v Yeovil Town; Tiverton Town v Keynsham Town; Wellington v Melksham Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: Premier division: Belper Town v Bridlington Town; Brigg Town v Pontefract Cols; Hatfield Main v Long Eaton Utd; Thackley v Ossett Albion.

HANTS SENIOR CUP: Eastleigh v BAT; East Cowes Vics v Bournemouth; Horndean v New Street.

NOTTS SENIOR CUP: Notts Police v Eastwood Town; Sutton Town v Ruddington; West Riding Cup: Harrogate Town v Ossett Town.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chigwellians v Lancing; Harrovians v Reptonians.

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd
Celtic v Rangers
Dundee v St Mirren
Hearts v Hibernian
Motherwell v Hamilton

First division

Clydebank v Clyde
Falkirk v Ayr
Kilmarnock v Airdrie
Partick v Forfar
Queen of South v Dunfermline
Raith v Meadowbank
St Johnstone v Morton

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Hounslow (Newstead Woods School 2.00). Cambridge City v Isca (Coldhams Common, Cambs. 2.30). East Grinstead v Southgate (Farlington School, Horsham, 2.15). Old Loughtonians v Wakefield (Chigwell 2.15). Stourport v Harborne (Grange Road, Solihull 2.00); Teddington v Indian Gymkhana (Feltham 12.00); Warrington v Slough (Albert Park, Salford 1.30); Welton v Havant (Grove Sports Centre, Newark 2.00). Second division: Bournville v Westcliffe (Shenley Court Leisure Centre, Birmingham 2.45); Broxbourne v Peterborough (Queenswood School, Hatfield 2.30); Canterbury v Cannock (Polo Farm Sports Club, Canterbury 2.45); Coventry and North Warwickshire v Doncaster (Coventry School 2.00); Gore Court v Neston (Gore Court CC, Sittingbourne 2.15); Reading v Brean (Bradfield College, Reading 2.30); Richmond v Guildford (Paddington Rec 11.30); Taunton Vale v Anchorians (Moorfields, Taunton 12.00).

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Mid-Surrey; Cambridge University v Surbiton; Dulwich v Oxford University; Hawks v Wimbledon; London University v Hampstead; Maidenhead v St Albans; Old Kingstonians v Purley; Tulse Hill v Cheam.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishops Stortford v West Herts; Blueharts v Welwyn Garden City; Bury St Edmunds v Crostyx; Cambridge Nomads v Colchester; Chelmsford v N Grasshoppers; Ford v Bury St Edmunds; Harleston Magpies v Bedford.; Norfolk Wanderers v Wisbech.

PERONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham v Bognor; Eastcote v Aylesbury; Fareham v Oxford Hawks; Marden Russets v Chichester; Old Midwhitgiftians v Lewes; O Tauntonians v Lyons; Sevenoaks v Trojans; Winchester v Tunbridge Wells. Hampshire/Surrey: Basingstoke v Barnes; Camberley v NatWest Bank; Epsom v Southampton University; Fleet v Weymouth; Goan v Bournemouth and WH; Met Police v US Portsmouth; Old Edwardians v Merton; Woking v Walton. Kent/Sussex: Folkestone v Brighton, Gravesend v Worthing; Herne Bay v Burnt Ash; Lloyds Bank v Rochester and Gillingham; Mid-Sussex v Maidstone; Old Beccehams v Old Williams, Thames Poly v Old Bordens; Tonbridge v Middleton. Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Bracknell v OMT; City of Oxford v Marlow; Harrow Town Swans v Hendon; NPL v British Airways; Reading University v Tilehurst; Sunbury v Southgate Adelaide; Witney v Hayes.

ARTHUR YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v Olton and West Warwickshire; Kidderminster v South Nottingham; Leicester Westleigh v Derby; Pickwick v Wombourne.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Hemel Hempstead v Crystal Palace (8.0); Derby v Glasgow (8.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets v Birmingham Bullets (7.30), Corby Flyers v Stockport; Worthing Bears v Oldham Celtics. Women: First division: Kingston v Cardiff (6.00); London YMCA v Stockport (6.00); Tyneside v Ipswich.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr v Durham (7.0); Nottingham v Fife (6.30); Solihull v Tayside (6.30). First division: Cleveland v Telford (6.30); Slough v Cardiff (5.45). English first division: Oxford City Stars v Bracknell Bees (4.45); Peterborough Titans v Birmingham Eagles (12.00).

LACROSSE

CONFERENCE A: Bath v Chipstead; Kenton v Croydon; Purley v Hampstead; Southampton v Cambridge Univ

CONFERENCE B: Beckenham v Hillcroft; Hitchin v Orpington, London Univ v Oxford Univ.

AVON INSURANCE SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Old Hulmeians v Sheffield; Rochdale v Sheffield; Sale v Sheffield University.

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Stockport v Old Waconians; Timperley v Cheadle.

Second division

Albion v East Fife
Brechin v Arbroath
Cowdenbeath v Alloa
Dumbarton v Stenhousemuir
Queen's Park v East Stirling
Stirling v Montrose
Stranraer v Berwick

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Northwich
Boston v Kidderminster
Cheltenham v Aylesbury
Enfield v Runcorn
Macclesfield v Kettering
Maidstone v Stafford
Newport v Weymouth
Telford v Fisher
Welling v Altrincham
Wycombe v Sutton Utd
Yeovil v Chorley

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: First round: Leeds v Castleford (2.15).

BASS YORKSHIRE CUP: Fifth round replay: Ace v Elland. Quarter-finals: Dewsbury Albion v Ovenden (2.30); Dudley Hill v Park Amateurs (2.30); Knottingley v Hunslet Junction (2.30).

BURTONWOOD LANCASHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Leigh East v Saddleworth (2.30); Crosfields v Runcorn (2.30), Thatto Heath v Simms Cross (2.30); St Bedes v Rosebridge (2.30).

BASS CUMBRIA CUP: Semi-finals: Frizington v Kells (2.30); Hensingham v Barrow Island (2.30).

RODSTOCK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Milford v Egremont; Woolston v Millom; Leigh Miners v Heworth.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LEAGUE: First division: Men: WH White Poole v Polonia (5.45); Liverpool City v Reebok Redwood Lodge (2.30); Star Aquila v Speedwell Rucanor (7.30); Malory CLC v Staffordshire Moorlands (6.30); Capital City v Bradford (7.00). Women: First division: Portsmouth Heatseal v Hilton Leeds (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

JUDO: BJA national under-15 boys championships (Crystal Palace).

RACKETBALL: South of England singles championship (Bromley, Kent).

SNOOKER: Tennents UK Open (Preston).

SWIMMING: Milk in Action grand prix meeting (Cumbernauld).

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championship (Wembley): Tate and Lyle BWTA tournament (Surrey Tennis and Country club, Croydon).

RUGBY UNION
INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Wales v Western Samoa (at Cardiff Arms Park, 2.30)

TOUR MATCH

South of Scotland v Australia (at Hawick, 2.0)

COURAGE CHAMPIONSHIP
First division

Bristol v Harlequins
Moseley v Bath
Nottingham Wasps
Orrell v Liverpool St Helens (2.30)
Rosslyn Park v Gloucester (2.30)
Waterloo v Leicester (2.15)

Second division

Bedford v Coventry
Blackheath v Richmond (2.30)
Gosforth v London Welsh (2.30)
Headingley v London Irish (2.30)
London Scottish v Sale (2.30)
Northampton v Saracens

Third division

Askeans v Wakefield (2.30)
Exeter v Met Police (2.45)
Flyde v Mainstone (2.30)
Nuneaton v West Hartlepool (2.30)
Rugby v Plymouth
Sheffield v Vale of Lune (2.30)

Area league north

Durham v Morley
Lichfield v Brighton Park (2.30)
Northern v Birmingham (2.30)
Preston G v Stourbridge (2.30)
Roundhay v Winnington Park (2.30)

Area league south

Havant v Cheltenham (2.45)
Lydney v Cambourne
Salisbury v Ealing (2.30)
Sidcup v Sudbury (2.30)
Southend v Stroud

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v Newport
Ebbw Vale v Cardiff
Howe of Fife v West of Scotland
Loughborough students v South Glam Inst
Melrose v Dunfermline
Penarth v Glamorgan Wanderers
Pontypool v Cross Keys
Redruth v Taunton (2.45)
Stewart's Melville FP v Ballymena
Stirling County v Kilmarnock
Tredegar v S Wales Police

COLTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Yorkshire v Lancashire (York).

IRELAND: Inter-provincial matches: Ulster v Leinster (at Ravenhill); Munster v Connacht (Cork). Senior clubs: Academy v Ballyclare; Coleraine v Armagh; Instonians v Ballynahinch, Omagh v City of Derry; Ayr v Ards; Collegians v Greystones; Malone v University College, Dublin; Queen's University v Old Wesley; CIYMS v Terenure College; Corinthians v Civil Service; NIFC v St Mary's; Stewart's Melville v Ballymena. Leinster: Senior club: Bohemians v Clontarf; DLSP v Dublin University; Lansdowne v Skerries; Sunday's Well v Bective Rangers.

LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST: Courage Clubs' Championship: London League, first division: Guildford and Godalming v Dartfordians; Ipswich v Sutton and Epsom; Lewes v Basingstoke; North Walsham v Ruislip; US Portsmouth v Streatham/Croydon. Second division, north: Barking v Old Albanians; Bishop's Stortford v Hertford; Grasshoppers v Old Merchant Taylors; Norwich v Woodford; Upper Clapton v Cheshunt. Second division, south: Camberley v KCS OB; Esher v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Gravesend v Old Alleynians; Purley v Worthing; Tunbridge Wells v Old Reigatians. Third division, north-east: Cambridge v Colchester; Eton Manor v Chingford; Ipswich YMCA v Old Cantabrigian; Metropolitan Police, Chigwell v Saffron Walden; West Norfolk v Brentwood. Third division, north-west: Bacavians v Tabard; Finchley v Mill Hill; Hemel Hempstead v Harrow; Hendon v Kingsburian; Letchworth v Fullerians. Third division, south-east: Bognor v Beckenham; Charlton Park v Westcombe Park; Crawley v Old Beccehamians; East Grinstead v Old Juddian; Horsham v Old Dunstonian. Third division, south-west: Eastleigh v Alton; Gosport v Old Guildfordians; Guy's Hospital v Old Walcountians; Old Emanuel v Portsmouth; Winchester v Jersey. Eastern counties league, first division: Basildon v Harlow; Bury St. Edmunds v Crusaders; Ely v Canvey Island; Lowestoft and Yar v Shelford; Romford and GP v Redbridge. Middlesex first division: Hampstead v London New Zealand; Staines v Old Paulines; Sudbury Court v Centaurs; Twickenham v Old Haberdashers; Uxbridge v Old Abbotsonians. Hertfordshire first division: Barnet v Old Ashmoleans; Harpenden v Welwyn; Old Verulamians v Stevenage; Royston v Old Elizabethans; Kent first division: Betteshanger v Bromley; Gillingham Anch. v Tonbridge; Medway v Erith; Park House v Canterbury; Thanet Wanderers v Old Elthamians. Sussex first division: Brighton v Chichester; Hellingly v Haywards Heath; Hove v Sussex Police; Seaford v Eastbourne; Uckfield v Crowborough. Hampshire first division: Esso v Millbrook; Fareham Heathens v Isle of Wight: Sandown and Shanklin v Rushmoor; Southampton v Trojans; Tottonians v Guernsey. Surrey first division: Cranleigh v Old Tiffinians; Dorking v Warlingham; Old Blues v Effingham; Old Surbitonians v Old Rutlishians; Old Wimbledonians v Old Cranleighans. Bisley Southern Merit table: Henley v Newbury. Inter Bank Championship: Lloyds v Midland.

SOUTH-WEST: First division: High Wycombe v Clifton; Maidenhead v Bridgwater; Oxford v Berry Hill; Reading v Weston; St Ives v Torquay. Second division: Brixham v Bournemouth; Cinderford v Barnstaple; Devon & Cornwall Police v Abbey; Henley v Newbury; Matson v Redingensians. Western counties: Crediton v Cirencester; Gordon League v Clevedon; Newquay Hornets v Avonmouth OB; Okehampton v Truro; Redcliffians v Tiverton. Southern counties: Marlow v Banbury; Oxford Marathon v Aylesbury; Oxford OB v Windsor; Slough v Bletchley; Swanage and Wareham v Wimborne. Devon/Cornwall: Falmouth v Exmouth; Hayle v Exeter Saracens; Illogan Park v Bideford; Paignton v Teignmouth; Penryn v Sidmouth. Cornwall: Lankelly v Helston; Liskeard-Looe v Bude; Redruth Albany v Bodmin; St Agnes v Wadebridge; St Austell v Veor. Gloucestershire: Dings Crusaders v Saintbridge; Drybrook v North Bristol; Longlevens v Bream; Old Colstonians v Widden; Old Patesians v Tredworth. Somerset: Hornets v Frome; North Petherton v Bristol Harlequins; Old Sulians v St Brendans OB; Oldfield v Burnham; St Bernadettes v Yatton.

NORTH: First division: Aspatria v Hull and ER; Birkenhead Park v Halifax; Harrogate v Otley; Hartlepool Rovers v Wigton; Tynedale v Kendal. Second division: Bradford and Bingley v Alnwick; Middlesbrough v Carlisle; Sandal v Lymm; Wharfedale v Huddersfield; Widnes v Davenport.

NORTH EAST: First division: Morpeth v Gateshead Fell; Novocastrians v Keighley; Old Brodleians v Blaydon; Old Crossleyans v Thornensians; Stockton v Westoe. Second division: Old Hymerians v Newcastle University; Pocklington v York; Pontefract v Blyth; Ripon v Beverley; Selby v Roundhegians.

DURHAM/NORTHUMBERLAND: First division: Darlington v Hartlepool; Horden v Ashington; Mowden Park v Winlaton Vulcans; Ponteland v Seghill; Rockcliff v Acklam. Second division: Hartlepool BBOB v Billingham; Medicals v Bishop Auckland; North Durham v Seaham; Percy Park v Sunderland; Whitby v Consett.

YORKSHIRE: First division: Barnsley v West Park Bramhope; Cleckheaton v Castleford; Driffield v Bramley; Goole v Moortown; Hemsworth v Huddersfield YMCA. Second division: Bridlington v York RI; Ionians v Ilkley; Malton and Norton v Doncaster; Scarborough v Wath-on-Dearne; Sheffield Tigers v Wheatley Hills.

NORTH: Courage championship: Area league: Preston Grasshoppers v Stourbridge. First division north: Aspatria v Hull and ER; Birkenhead Park v Halifax. Second division north: Widnes v Davenport. North west, first division: Chester v Sandbach; Mid Cheshire College v Caldy; Sedgley Park v Rochdale; Wigan v Manchester; Wirral v Egremont. North west, second division: Blackburn v Leigh; Cockermouth v Macclesfield; Merseyside Police v Southport; Penrith v Burnage. Club matches: Mold v Colwyn Bay; New Brighton v Wilmslow; West Park v Wrexham.

MIDLANDS: Midlands first division: Derby v Wolverhampton; Hereford v Walsall; Newark v Paviors; Stockwood Park v Barkers Butts; Westleigh v Solihull. Second division west: Bedworth v Dudley; Burton v Stafford; Old Yardleians v Bromsgrove; Tamworth v Newbold; Worcester v Sutton Coldfield. Second division east: Kettering v Stoneygate; Leighton Buzzard v Hinckley; Lincoln v Moderns; Peterborough v Matlock; Syston v Stewarts and Lloyds. Staffordshire and Warwickshire: Leamington v Leek; Nuneaton O Edwardians v Willenhall; Old Leamingtonians v Newcastle (Staffs); Old Longtonians v Stoke OB; Stratford v Keresley. North Midlands first division: Kidderminster v Newport; Kings Norton v Old Halesonians; Malvern v Evesham; Shrewsbury v Bridgnorth; Whitchurch v Camp Hill. Notts, Lincs and Derbys first division: Kesteven v East Retford; Mellish v Glossop; Scunthorpe v Amber Valley; Southwell v Worksop; Stamford v Chesterfield. East Midlands/ Leicestershire: Aylestone St James v Oadby Wyggestonians; Belgrave v Bedford Athletic; Loughborough v Towcestrians; Luton v Wigston; Northampton Trinity v Long Buckby.

SPORT ON TV

Today

SATURDAY SPORT: ITV 6.00am TV-am's preview of the weekend's action.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5.0pm Tennis: semi-finals from the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley. Racing from Cheltenham: 1.0, 1.35 and the 2.10, Mackeson Gold Cup Handicap steeplechase. Rugby Union: Highlights of France v Argentina, and action from one of today's matches. Rugby League: first round match in the John Player Special Trophy.

CHANNEL 4 RACING: C4 12.50pm From Newcastle, the 12.55, 1.25, 1.55 Fighting Fifth Hurdle, and 2.25 races.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05pm (Results at 4.45pm).

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: BBC2 12.25-1.20am Highlights of the day's semi-finals from Wembley.

Tomorrow

GRAND PRIX: BBC2 2.00pm The Australian grand prix from Adelaide.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: BBC2 2.35pm Final of the Benson and Hedges championship from Wembley (Highlights at 11.45pm).

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 5.00pm Highlights of yesterday's tour matches. South of Scotland v Australia and Wales v Western Samoa.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5.45pm Highlights from the week's NFL matches.

TOMORROW

HOCKEY

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Third round: Old Holcombeians v Brean; Teddington v Canterbury; Bromley v Olton and WW; Hounslow v Doncaster. South Nottingham v Warrington; Harrogate v Trojans; St Albans v Blackheath; Taunton Vale v Edgbaston; Broxbourne v King's Heath; Alderley Edge v Bournemouth; Cannock v Maidenhead; Marlow v Bournville; Liverpool Sefton v Ipswich ; Bloxwich v Timperley; Stourport v Welton; Marlborough v Firebrands; ISCA v Hampstead ; Harborne v Oxford Hawks; Neston v Purley; Havant v Anchorians; Richmond v Formby; Guildford v East Grinstead; Reading v Gloucester; Slough v Southgate; Peterborough v Harleston Magpies; Sheffield v Wakefield; Old Loughtonians v Bluehearts; Coventry and NW v Tulse Hill; Cambridge City v Gore Court; Chelmsford v Old Tauntonians; Bognor v Fleet; Indian Gymkhana v Westcliffe.

NATWEST BANK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Women: Warwickshire v Bedfordshire (Fox Hollies, Birmingham 10.30); Warwickshire v Staffordshire (Fox Hollies, 1 00; Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire (Hadley Stadium); Leicestershire v Derbyshire (Highfields, Nottingham); Shropshire v Northamptonshire (Northampton); Herefordshire v Devon (Cheltenham Boys Coll 14.30); Gloucestershire v Avon (RCC Cirencester 14.30); Dorset v Somerset (Sherborne 14.30); Wiltshire v Cornwall (Dorcan SC, Swindon 12.00).

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY INDOOR CUP: First round: Bedfordshire v Norfolk; Berkshire v Wiltshire; Buckinghamshire v Gloucestershire; Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire: Cornwall v Somerset; Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Devon v Dorset; Durham v Northumberland; Essex v Suffolk; Hampshire v Sussex; Hertfordshire v Middlesex; Kent v Surrey; Lancashire v Leicestershire; Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; Oxfordshire v Warwickshire.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham v Nottingham (6.30); Peterborough v Fife (6.30); Streatham v Murrayfield (6.15); Tayside v Ayr (7.0); Whitley v Solihull (6.30). First division: Glasgow v Deeside (6.0); Medway v Trafford (7.0); Richmond v Lee Valley (5.45); Romford v Sunderland (5.15). English first division: Humberside Seahawks v Chelmsford Chieftains (5.15); Solihull Knights v Basingstoke Beavers (7.00).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Livingston v Leicester (4.0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton v Plymouth (4.0); Gateshead v Tower Hamlets (4.0). Women: Greenwich v Crystal Palace B (3.45); Teesside v N London College (3.45). Women: First division: Crystal Palace v Sheffield (3.00); Northampton v London Jets (3.00); Nottingham Wildcats v Brixton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: First round: Bramley v Mansfield (3.30); Bradford v Dewsbury (3.30); Halifax v Salford; Huddersfield v Chorley (3.30); Hull v Batley (3.15); Hull KR v Keighley; Leigh v Barrow (3.30); Rochdale v Whitehaven; Runcorn v Wigan (at Wigan); Sheffield v Wigan St Patrick's (3.15); Swinton v Doncaster; Wakefield v Carlisle (3.30); Warrington v Oldham; Widnes v Featherstone; York v St Helens (2.15).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LEAGUE: First division: Men: Star Aquila v Bradford (2.30). First division: Women: Birmingham AI v Ashcombe Synaco (1.30); Atlas Wessex v Britannia (3.30); Spark v Brixton Knights (1.30); Southsea Scorpions v Hilton Leeds (11.30).

OTHER SPORT

JUDO: BJA national under-16 girls' championships (Crystal Palace).

RACKETBALL: South of England singles championship (Bromley, Kent)

SNOOKER: Tennents UK Open (Preston).

SWIMMING: Milk in Action grand prix meeting (Cumbernauld).

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships (Wembley); Tate and Lyle BWTA tournament (Surrey Tennis and Country club, Croydon).

ATHLETICS

Hastings moves into big league

By David Powell

The Hastings half marathon, which only two years ago was little more than a fun run, will offer potentially one of the three best pay-days among road races in Britain next year. The winner's prize of £2,000 is attractive enough but, should he break 62 minutes, a bonus of £10,000 will be paid.

Backed by the local council, the money on offer is bettered only by the London marathon, which last year paid $30,000 (about £17,000) to the winner, and offered a $70,000 bonus for a world best and $10,000 for a course record. The Birmingham Centenary marathon is to offer a £10,000 first prize, but that may be doubled if the race is awarded the Commonwealth trial on September 24.

The Hastings race director, Eric Hardwick, believes that the target, which is 1min 34sec faster than Dave Lewis's winning time this year, is within the scope of leading British internationals and that it may even attract some of Europe's better road racers.

Last year £5,000 was put up for anyone breaking 63 minutes; the event, which in its first two years attracted no one of any renown, pulled in Lewis, Carl Thackery and Kevin Forster. Lewis won in 63min 34sec. "Next year, when there is no Olympics, world championships, European championships or Commonwealth Games, there is going to be more interest in going for a prize like this," Hardwick said.

"It's a quiet time of year and, being held on March 12, it is just right as a warm-up race for the London marathon. I have spoken to a few coaches who think their top stars would like to go for this. Lewis and Thackery have said they are going to come back and Thackery feels that, if he is fit, he can do it."

The £5,000 jackpot time for women is still under discussion but, Hardwick says, it will probably be between 70 and 72 minutes. Susan Tooby's course record stands at 73:08.

The world best half marathon, if you discount the 60min 11sec run by Matthews Temane, of South Africa, is the 60:43 set by Mike Musyoki, of Kenya, in the Great North Run; the British best is the 60:59 recorded by Steve Jones in the same event.

But prospectors should not start rubbing their hands. The Hastings course is mainly uphill for the first five miles and mostly downhill for the next six and a half. The finish, along the promenade, is subject to sea breezes. Therefore, a performance comparable with those of Musyoki and Jones would be needed to claim the money.

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ATHLETICS

Feast of fixtures to whet appetites

British athletics organizers believe their package of fixtures for 1989 is the best ever arranged. The plum will be the men's McVitie's Challenge in Birmingham on June 23-24, featuring Great Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and West Germany.

FIXTURES: January: 6-7: Omron Games (indoors, Cosford). 28: Dairy Crest Games, GB v West Germany (indoors, Glasgow). February: 3-4: Pearl Assurance national indoor championships (Cosford). 11: McVitie's Challenge, world cross country trials (Gateshead). 18-19: European indoor championships (The Hague).

March: 3-5: World indoor championships (Budapest). 4-5: AAA/WAAA combined events and relays (indoors, Cosford). Sun 5: Kodak 10km road race (Nottingham). 10: Kodak Classic, GB v Soviet Union v United States men's international (indoors, Glasgow). 18-19: AAA/WAAA Dairy Crest under-20 championship (indoors, Cosford). 19: World cross country championships (Stavanger, Norway). 25: Veterans' indoor championships (Cosford). April: 15: National 12-stage road relay (Sutton Coldfield). 15-16: World Marathon Cup (Milan). 23: ADT London Marathon, incorporating AAA/WAAA championship (London). 30: Kodak 10km road race (Glasgow). May: 14: International meeting (Tokyo). 21: São Paulo international (São Paulo, Brazil). 27: *Bud Light Classic (San Jose, US). 27-28: World Race Walking Cup (Barcelona). June: 3-4: European Clubs' Cup (venue not announced). 3-4: HFC Bank UK championships (venue to be confirmed). 4: International meeting (Sofia). 10: Harry Jerome Classic (Vancouver). 11: *Znamensky Memorial (Volvograd, USSR). 11: Pearl Assurance international, GB v Hungary v International Select (Portsmouth). 14: International meeting (Bratislava). 17: International meeting (St Denis, France). 17-18: Dairy Crest area championships (various). 18: Great North Run (Newcastle to South Shields). 20: Seville Expo 92 (Seville). 22: Evzen Rosicky Memorial (Prague). 23-24: McVitie's Challenge, GB v Soviet Union v United States v West Germany men's international (Birmingham). 25: BNP meeting (Lille). 27: *Athletissima 89 (Lausanne). 28: *World Games (Helsinki).

July: 1: *Mobil Bislett Games (Oslo). 1: Dairy Crest junior international, GB v West Germany v Sweden (Ipswich). 3: *DN Galan 89 (Stockholm). 5: *Olympischer Tag (Berlin). 7: *Miller Lite IAC meeting (Edinburgh). 7-8: English Schools Milk Championships (Wigan). 9: England Under-23 v Belgium v Denmark (Ostend). 10: *Nikaia (Nice). 12: Coca-Cola meeting (Barcelona). 14: *Peugeot Games (Crystal Palace). 15-16: European Cup combined events (venue not announced). 17: Girobank Games (Belfast). 19: *Golden Gala (Rome). 22: Welsh Games (Swansea). 22-23: Scottish championships (venue to be confirmed). 28: Dairy Crest Games, GB v Kenya (men's track) and GB v West Germany (women's field) (Crystal Palace). 29-30: Dairy Crest AAA/WAAA under-20s championships (Stoke). August: 5-6: European Cup (Gateshead). 8: *Hungalu (Budapest). 11-13: Kodak AAA/WAAA national championships, incorporating Commonwealth Games trial for England (Birmingham). 13: Adriaan Paulen Memorial (Hengelo, Netherlands). 16: *Zurich Weltklasse (Zurich). 17-27: World Student Games (São Paulo). 18: *ISTAF (Berlin). 20: *Koln Weltklasse (Cologne). 23: International meeting (Koblenz). 24-28: European junior championships (Varazdin, Yugoslavia). 25: *Ivo van Damme Memorial (Brussels). 26-27: Welsh championships. 28: Kodak Classic, England v Australia v Italy men's international (Gateshead). September: 1: *IAAF Grand Prix final (Monte Carlo). 3: International meeting (Rieti). 2-3: AAA/WAAA combined events championships (Copthall). 8-10: World Cup (Barcelona). 15: McVitie's Challenge Invitation (Crystal Palace). 16: Dairy Crest junior international (Crystal Palace).

* denotes Grand Prix event.

HOCKEY: COUNTDOWN FOR APPOINTMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN MANAGER TO REPLACE ROGER SELF

Southgate's attack weakened

By Sydney Friskin

Southgate, the holders, will face **Slough** for the second time within a month when they meet in the third round of the Nationwide Anglia Cup at Brunel University ground, Uxbridge, tomorrow. Slough lost 3-0 in the Poundstretcher National League match on October 22 but have been improving steadily since.

Southgate's attack this time will be the weaker for the absence of Sean Kerly, now under an automatic 16-day suspension after being sent off with a red card last week. Welch will probably take over at centre forward and they have a depth of talent which enables them to make successful permutations up front.

Mike Allcock, who once played for Southgate, joins his brother Chris in the Slough team and will play at outside right in place of Kali Saini who is away on business. However, Barber is not in the Slough side travelling for today's National League match against **Warrington**, who are still without a point after five matches.

Jon Potter, the **Hounslow** captain, is in need of a rest and will not play in the National League away match against Bromley today nor in tomorrow's Cup match at home against **Doncaster**.

Injury problems have kept Laslett and Lang out of the **Teddington** team which plays an important League match today against **Indian Gymkhana** at Feltham, starting at noon, and a third round Cup match against **Canterbury** at Bracknell Hockey Club tomorrow. For both days Teddington have brought in young players Wotton and Upnew.

Stourport, who beat Havant 3-1 last Saturday in the National League, face a stiff test against **Welton** in the Cup tomorrow, the two Zimbabwean players, McPhun and Penney, both being available this week for Stourport.

Welton themselves might find life difficult today when they entertain **Havant** in the National League. **Southgate** could be made to work hard when they visit East Grinstead, who although tenth on the table cannot be underrated.

Reading will try to hold their position as leaders of the second division when they meet Brean, only two points behind them, at Bradfield College today. Osborn, of Reading, is top scorer with nine goals sharing the leadership with Thompson, of Hounslow.

Taking a break: Sean Kerly, who is serving a 16-day ban after being sent off last week

Europe challenge GB

The Great Britain Olympic team will be reassembled on the artifical turf pitch at Luton on November 30 for a floodlit match, sponsored by the Minet Insurance Group, against the Best of Europe (Sydney Friskin writes).

For those who were separated by many thousands of miles from the scene of triumph at Seoul, where Britain won the gold medal, the event, to be known as the Minet Olympic Salute, will provide an opportunity to study more closely the tactics and skills of the newly-acclaimed best team in the world.

This time, however, Britain will face the combined forces of West Germany and the Netherlands, winners of the Olympic silver and bronze medals respectively, whose leading players are being made available for the event.

Warwickshire test holders

By Joyce Whitehead

The territorial rounds of the National Westminster Bank women's county championship continue tomorrow in the Midlands and West. Midlands teams have reached the halfway stage, each having played four matches.

Leicestershire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire are unbeaten with 16 points each and all three still have to play one another. The key match tomorrow will be Staffordshire, the Midlands defending champions, against Warwickshire at Fox Hollies, Birmingham.

Worcestershire, in fourth place with eight points, play Nottinghamshire, who have six points) at Hadley Stadium; Leicestershire meet Derbyshire at Highfields, Nottingham, and Shropshire visit Northamptonshire.

The eight Western counties have each played three times with unexpectedly low scores, except for Gloucestershire who are level with the holders, Devon, on 10 points. They have scored seven goals in two of those matches against Devon's three. Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset are not far behind with eight points.

Last weekend in the East, Lincolnshire fell foul of the fog and failed to turn up in time to play Hertfordshire and then lost 10-0 to Suffolk, who enjoyed a scoring spree. Letch, Nunn, Young, Fry, Rawlinson (2), Pleasance (2) and Bergin (2) found the back of the net. With five matches to play, Kent, the holders, and Essex are on top.

In the South section teams are keeping themselves busy playing their club league matches, but they will return to county competition next weekend.

POWERBOATING

Britons battle to catch Americans

By Bryan Stiles

Steve Kerton and Jonathan Jones, two friends with a taste for high speed, will be keen rivals tomorrow as they battle for the runners-up position in the Budweiser world grand prix series, in Singapore.

Two points separate Jones, a Welsh bank official, who is a former world champion, and Kerton, a public relations officer, who recently became European champion.

Neither can catch Chris Bush, of the United States, who secured the title last weekend when he coasted into third position in the Penang Grand Prix, but both are determined to overtake two other Americans, Mike Seebold and Don Johnston, in the final round tomorrow.

Jones finished second in Penang, behind Johnston, who dominated the 50-lap race, leading from the start.

Next season the championship will begin and end in the southern hemisphere. The first event will be in Darling Harbour, Sydney, on January 6 to 8. The series then heads for Europe and the United States

POSITIONS (with one round remaining): 1, C Bush (US), 38pts; 2, M Seebold (US), 23; 3, D Johnston (US), 22; 4, S Kerton (GB), 18; J Jones (GB), 16; 6, G Cappellini (It), 15.

FENCING

Darlington talent show

By Lesley Drennan

Late entries in the foil section of the Tyneside Open in Darlington this weekend have brought a welcome boost of talents as well as numbers. Donnie McKenzie, the defending men's champion, Austin Royle, the 1987 national junior champion, and Robin Pearson will pose problems for Peter Kay, of York, last year's runner-up.

In the women's event the addition of Jayne Hanlon, winner of two national open competitions already this season, will sharpen the skills of Nicola Crauford of Salle Paul, London, and of the Scottish Commonwealth team members, Sheila Anderson and Julia Bracewell.

The men's epée section, to be held on Sunday, is the third regional qualifier for the Challenge Martini Epée Internatioal, the World Cup competition to be held in London next March.

Austrian game all troughs and no peaks

It was almost as if the near-freezing temperatures in Vienna this week were telling Austria's footballers that it was time to move off the mountain and let the experts take over.

Dutifully the country's two remaining European survivors lost their foothold in the UEFA Cup and Austrian football took another tumble in world standing. But sports lovers need not be depressed for long; the national game is about to come to the rescue.

Just as some British sports editors need not the slightest excuse to run a football story prominently in the height of summer, so their Austrian counterparts seize eagerly any opportunity to give skiing its head out of season.

The start of the World Cup downhill season at Val d'Isère is only three weeks away and before then the Austrians need to find out who are the men to challenge the supremacy of Zurbriggen and Müller, of Switzerland.

It would seem that a new Klammer has yet to emerge. The best that they can hope for is a new Hoflehner. The former World Cup champion dominated the training on the glacier pistes this week and sports editors got the chance to print the first of several hundred almost identical skiing pictures which will appear during the next five months.

Considering the importance of skiing as a sport and an industry the Austrians are no longer as good at it as they would like. This year's showing in the Winter Olympics, in which they took three gold medals, was an improvement on their World Cup form of recent years but success in the main event — the downhill — continues to elude them.

It seems that most of Austria's great champions, like Klammer, are of yesteryear. Lutz Lischka, the former coach to the national judo team and now a sports writer, blames it upon a defeatist attitude.

But if they lack pride in their performance Austrians do not want for it in their appearance. In recent years fitness clubs have sprung up everywhere. They have become a nation of doers rather than watchers, but competitively they lag far behind countries of similar size.

In the Seoul Olympics they produced only one gold medal winner and for that they had to thank a foreigner, George Kerr, from Edinburgh, national coach to their judo team for 11 years until he gave up the post this year.

By coincidence it was a team from Edinburgh, Heart of Midlothian, who unexpectedly put paid to the European ambitions of their best football team, Austria Vienna.

Austrian football, which peaked in the 1930s with the legendary *Wunderbar* team, has been in decline ever since players like Hapel left the scene in the Fifties.

Crowds have dwindled to an average of just over 3,000 for first division games — so much for the benefits of a super league. Austria was one of the first countries to reduce the size of the first division. Try as they might, there was no way that the 15,000 who turned up to watch Hearts were going to bring the giant Prater Stadium back to life.

Amalgamations and name changes, due to sponsorship support, have caused clubs to lose identity with their supporters. Somehow Admira/Wacker and Foto Nettig Vienna do not have quite the same ring as Real Madrid or, say, Rapid Vienna.

Clive White

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report November 12 1988

Training scheme coercion unlawful

Regina v Liverpool City Council, Ex parte Secretary of State for Employment

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment November 11]

Although the Employment Training Scheme introduced by the Government on September 9, 1988 was not compulsory, Liverpool City Council was not entitled to boycott it by punishing or coercing organizations which might consider joining the scheme by threatening to withdraw grant aid.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an application for judicial review by the Secretary of State for Employment and issuing *certiorari* to quash a resolution of Liverpool City Council rejecting all use of and support for the Employment Training Scheme.

Mr John Mummery for the secretary of state; Mr David M. Harris for Liverpool City Council.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said the dispute arose out of the introduction on September 5, 1988 of a new scheme to help the long term unemployed. The scheme was known as the Employment Training Scheme. It replaced all previous schemes and programmes for the adult unemployed, including the Community Programme.

Liverpool City Council was opposed to the scheme on four grounds: it did not have trade union support, it did not pay the rate for the job, it did not confer full employed status or protection and the council was critical of the quality of training provided.

The scheme was voluntary. There was no question of forcing it on anyone. The secretary of state did not complain of the council's opposition. His complaint was that the council was seeking to make its opposition effective by what he said were unlawful means.

The great bulk of all services provided by the council in the social welfare field were funded through the Community Programme. 90 per cent of all Community Programme places were provided by voluntary organizations. The terms on which the council made grant aid available to them was set out in a document.

On June 22, the finance and strategy committee passed a resolution "rejecting all use of and support for the new Employment Training Scheme".

The Community Liaison Officer was instructed to amend the conditions of grant aid to ensure that no organization grant-aided by the council took part in the scheme. The resolution of the finance and strategy committee was adopted by the full council.

The Community Liason Officer wrote to all organizations in receipt of grant aid saying: "I must make it clear . . . that the city council intends to ensure that no organization in receipt of grant aid from the city council is involved with the new Employment Training Scheme".

The council also issued a press release announcing that together with the Joint Trade Union Forum they had "united in boycotting the Government's new Employment Training Scheme".

Against that background, the secretary of state feared that a number of local employers and voluntary organizations who had participated in the Community Programme in the past and who would be willing to participate in the Employment Training Scheme, might be deterred from so doing.

The ground for relief was that the council's resolution involved "the threatened abuse or misuse of discretionary powers by the imposition of sanctions on persons and organizations who would be better acting lawfully by participating in the scheme".

In support of his argument, Mr Mummery referred to *Wheeler v Leicester City Council* ([1985] AC 1054). There, the council prohibited a rugby club from using a local recreation ground as a number of members of the club had taken part in a tour to South Africa. The House of Lords held that it was an unlawful use of the council's statutory powers to use them for the purpose of coercing the club to align itself with the council's policies.

Mr Harris sought to distinguish *Wheeler* on the ground that the withdrawal of grant aid from voluntary organizations and others participating in the scheme was not the purpose of the impugned resolution but only its consequence.

That was a false antithesis. Nobody doubted the council's good faith. But the court was not concerned with the council's motives but only with the purpose for which the resolution was passed.

His Lordship had no doubt that that purpose was the punishment, or coercion, of those organizations who would not toe the line.

Mr Harris argued secondly that the proceedings were premature. He argued that the court should wait until a specific instance of the application of the policy was brought before it. Mr Harris argued the secretary of state was engaged in a pre-emptive strike.

There were two answers to that interesting point.

First, there was no inflexible rule that, where a policy was embodied in a resolution, the court would not quash the resolution in advance. Where the resolution appeared to be absolute in its terms, and to admit of no exception, the court might well quash the resolution, provided only it was satisfied that the issue was not academic. That was the positon here.

The second answer lay in the fact that Mr Mummery drew their Lordships' attention to two specific instances where the policy had been, or was being, enforced.

Mr Harris argued finally that the validity of the resolution could only be considered in a specific statutory context. However, all the provisions were of the same general character and his Lordship did not think there was anything to be gained by considering the application in relation to a particular statutory framework.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Nolan agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Mr W. I. Murray, Liverpool.

Justices have discretion on change of election

R v Bourne Justices, Ex parte Cope

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Jusice Pill

[Judgment October 28]

Justices were entitled to refuse a defendant leave to withdraw an election to summary trial if they were satisfied that he had understood the choice between summary and jury trial; their discretion as to whether leave was granted or not was unfettered.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when refusing the application of Ivan Donald Cope for judicial review by way of *certiorari* to quash the decision by Bourne Justices to refuse him leave to withdraw his election to summary trial and re-elect.

Mr Nigel Rumfitt for the applicant; Mr. Derek Sweeting for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said the applicant, a married man of good character with no previous experience of court was arrested on April 11, 1988 and charged with two counts of indecent assault and indecency with a girl aged 11.

He asked for the services of a duty solicitor, was interviewed next day in his presence and was remanded on bail. On April 21 both the solicitor and the prosecution decided that it was a suitable case for summary trial.

There was no doubt that the clerk put the applicant to election on the method of trial.

The applicant came to be dissatisfied with the services of the duty solicitor and instructed his current solicitor who then applied to the justices to re-elect.

The applicant contended that he had not been advised as to the merits of trial by jury. His counsel's submission that the refusal of the justices to hear evidence from the solicitor and to determine as a matter of fact what the advice was and then whether it was appropriate was not, his Lordship said, the proper approach. The essential issue was whether the applicant realized that by his election he was depriving himself of the right to a jury.

The justices were entitled to find that if he did understand the nature and quality of the advice then they could exercise their discretion.

The fact that the girl had been warned to give evidence and that it was undesirable to delay the trial further was not relevant to the applicant's understanding; but, once it was accepted that he did understand, it was a matter which could weigh in the exercise of discretion.

Solicitors: Greenwoods, Peterborough; Crown Prosecution Service, Lincolnshire.

Benevolent housing approach urged

Regina v Merton London Borough Council, Ex parte Ruffle

A period of temporary accommodation was insufficient to break the chain of causation after a finding of intentional homelessness so as to require a housing authority to entertain a second application as a fresh case of homelessness.

Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division on November 11 when dismissing a motion brought by Mrs. Jacqueline Ruffle against the decision of the respondent housing authority, London Borough of Merton, made on August 9, 1988 to reject her latest application to be housed, her earlier application of January 6 having being rejected by them on a finding of intentional homelessness.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the original finding of intentional homelessness was still to be regarded as causative of the present homelessness and remained a continuing disqualifying fact. That was despite the applicant's assertion that her accommodation for five months was entered into as a lasting arrangement.

It was to be hoped that, given the grave difficulty of securing settled accommodation, housing authorities would interpret benevolently the climate of accommodation secured by applicants after a finding of intentionality had been made.

Court of Appeal

Two types of recklessness considered

Regina v Morrison

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment November 8]

The two types of recklessness now in English law were considered by the Court of Appeal when quashing a conviction on a count of wounding with intent to resist arrest, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

The count, against Andrew Lawrence Morrison, aged 20, of no fixed abode, was tried at Manchester Crown Court before Judge Gerrard and a jury. The particulars of offence were that he "unlawfully and maliciously wounded Shelagh Mary Matthews [a detective constable] with intent to resist or prevent the lawful apprehension of himself". He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

Mr Leslie Hull, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr John Bailey for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the facts were unusual. Police officers entered a vacated property in Hyde to evict squatters and make arrests for burglary. WDC Matthews was among officers who went upstairs.

She entered a room. The appellant was behind the door. She said "Police officers. You are under arrest." He ran towards the window. She seized hold of him by the clothes but he dived forward through the glass on to the pavement 20 feet below.

She was dragged as far as the window. Her face came into contact with broken glass. She sustained severe facial injuries and would be scarred for life.

The appellant said in evidence, as he had in a police interview, that he had not known she was hanging on and, in any event, had not intended to harm her.

Mr Hull took two points: there was no sufficient guilty act to amount to an assault; and there was a misdirection on recklessness. In view of the decision on recklessness, a decision on the first point was not needed.

During his direction to the jury the judge said: "Recklessness presupposes something in the circumstances that would draw the attention of an ordinary, prudent and sober person to the possibility that the act that he is committing is capable of causing harm to her (in other words, the woman), and that that risk that he was then going to take was more than just a possibility: it was a risk which he either took deliberately, or he closed his mind to the possibility of causing her injury. That is basically what we mean by recklessness."

His Lordship said that unhappily there were now in the law of this country two types of recklessness according to the nature of the crime which was charged.

The first was that defined by Lord Diplock in *R v Caldwell* ([1982] AC 341, 354). Having examined the history he then, dealing as he was not with the 1861 Act but with section 1(1) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, said:

"In my opinion, a person charged with an offence under section 1(1) of the Criminal Damage Act 1971 is 'reckless as to whether any such property would be destroyed or damaged' if (1) he does an act which in fact creates an obvious risk that property will be destroyed or damaged and (2) when he does the act he either has not given any thought to the possibility of there being any such risk or has recognized that there was some risk involved and has nonetheless gone on to do it. That would be a proper direction to the jury; cases in the Court of Appeal which held otherwise should be regarded as overruled."

The way in which Lord Diplock so defined recklessness was sometimes described — although Lord Diplock would not approve of it — as being the objective test, namely, what an observer, an ordinary, reasonable and prudent observer would in the circumstances have thought.

That was the sense in which, thanks to Lord Diplock's opinion, the word "reckless" had to be construed when one was considering the 1971 Act.

The other type of recklessness was that defined by Mr Justice Byrne in *R v Cunningham* ([1957] 2 QB 396, 299). The Lord Chief Justice said in parenthesis that Lord Diplock in *Caldwell* considered and distinguished *Cunningham* but did not disapprove of it, so that the decision in *Cunningham* still stood and was binding on the Court of Appeal.

Mr Justice Byrne, after considering cases cited in argument, said: "We have considered those cases, and we have also considered, in the light of those cases, the following principle which was propounded by the late Professor C. S. Kenny in the first edition of his *Outlines of Criminal Law* . . . and repeated . . . in 1952: 'In any statutory definition of a crime, malice must be taken not in the old vague sense of wickedness in general but as requiring either (1) an actual intention to do the particular kind of harm that in fact was done; or (2) recklessness as to whether such harm should occur or not (ie, the accused has foreseen that the particular kind of harm might be done and yet has gone on to take the risk of it). It is neither limited to nor does it indeed require any ill will towards the person injured.' . . . We think that this is an accurate statement of the law. . . In our opinion the word 'maliciously' in a statutory crime postulates foresight of consequence."

The Lord Chief Justice said that, in the present case, the word "maliciously" appeared in the section of the 1861 Act and in the indictment. Consequently it was the *Cunningham* definition of recklessness that applied in the present case.

Mr Bailey conceded that, on that basis, the summing up was a misdirection. However, he said that it was corrected immediately before the jury retired, when the judge said: "So it is whether this defendant — not the ordinary, prudent and sober person — would appreciate the risk involved."

The question was whether that final passage was sufficient, standing the earlier direction on its head, to alert the jury to the fact that they were, did they but know it, considering *Cunningham* rather than *Caldwell*.

Their Lordships did not think so.

If the judge was going to reverse what was the most important part of his summing up he should have done so in a great deal more detail and should not only have directed the jury on the change of law but should have tied it up with the facts of the case in order to drive home to the jury that it was what was going on in the defendant's mind, not in the ordinary, prudent observer's mind, was what they had to consider.

If the jury had had brought home to them that it was the subjective test they had to apply they might have come to a different conclusion.

That being so, with a degree of their Lordships' reluctance, the appeal had to succeed and the conviction was quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Manchester.

Tribunal's power to call witnesses on immigration appeal

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Hussain

Before Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment October 24]

Although there was no inflexible rule that an immigration appeal tribunal ought not to reverse a decision of an adjudicator, based on material oral evidence, without availing themselves of their power to summon the witnesses concerned, they ought at least to apply their minds to that power when considering such a reversal.

Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in granting an application by Khali Hussain for judicial review by way of *certiorari* of a decision by that tribunal which reversed the decision of an adjudicator that strong compassionate reasons existed for his admission into the United Kingdom.

Mr S. Kadri for the applicant; Mr John Laws for the tribunal.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that in 1978 a marriage had been arranged between the applicant, who lived in Pakistan, and Nasreen Kausar (the sponsor), a British citizen, when she was 16.

In 1981, a few weeks after the applicant had been granted clearance to enter the UK in order to marry her, he became involved in an incident which led, in April 1981, to his conviction for murder; but he had been released in July 1984, immediately after paying substantial compensation to his victim's family.

He had then applied again for entry clearance, which was refused in accordance with paragraph 83 of *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 169) — murder being an offence which precluded a grant of leave to enter "unless the immigration officer considers admission to be justified for strong compassionate reasons".

On appeal, the adjudicator heard oral evidence, including that of the sponsor, and having noted that the Pakistan Appeal Court had considered the applicant's offence to be less than premeditated murder had opined that he had paid his debt to society.

But of more importance had been the sponsor's claims to compassion. She had gone to visit the applicant while in prison in 1982, her family had subscribed £4,000 towards the compensation paid, and she was getting old.

In the result, the adjudicator had found strong compassionate reasons and had allowed the applicant's appeal. That had been reversed by the tribunal, without either side proffering any oral evidence.

Counsel for the tribunal had urged that they were in as good a position as the adjudicator to assess whether strong compassionate reasons existed and that their decision could not be said to have been *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([1948] 1 KB 223).

But the effect on the sponsor had been at the heart of the case before the adjudicator and was therefore at the heart of the appeal. What troubled his Lordship was the lack of any indication that the tribunal had ever considered the desirability of hearing the sponsor's evidence for themselves.

An order of *certiorari* would therefore go to quash their decision, and there would be a rehearing at which they should expressly consider whether the sponsor's evidence might help them, and whether they should, if necessary, exercise their power to call her as a witness.

Solicitors: Penmans, Coventry; Treasury Solicitor.

OUTDOOR LEISURE

OUTINGS

JAGUAR WEEKEND: Display of historic Jaguars including the 1953 Le Mans winning C-type and the ex-Salvadori Lightweight E-type plus a Jaguar aircraft. Question and answer sessions, an exhibition of Michael Turner's automotive art with a sale of limited editions signed by winning drivers.
RAF Museum, Hendon, London NW9 (01-205 2266). Today, tomorrow, 10am-5.30pm. Adult £3, child £1.50.

ROYAL COURT BOOKSHOP LAUNCH: To celebrate the redesign of the shop and extended opening hours (2.30-10.30pm), four major Royal Court writers — Howard Brenton, Michael Hastings, Caryl Churchill and Timberlake Wertenbaker — will sign copies of their plays. Also during the launch, 25 per cent off all books sold.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1. Today 12.30-2.30pm. Free.

ARCHITECTURE MASTERCLASS: An opportunity for members of the public to watch "masters" — including Richard Rogers, Barry Gasson, Michael Wilford, Paul Koralek — working with groups of students on a one-day sketch scheme for the Ludgate Hill site, to be displayed and "criticized" at the end of the day.
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01-580 5533). Today, 10am-early evening. Free.

168TH LONDON PHOTOGRAPHY FAIR: Sale of modern and Victorian prints, daguerreotypes, landscapes, books and other memorabilia.
The Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (01-831 1772). Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission 75p.

CRAFT FAIR: Dolls, soft toys, silk and dried flowers, lace, needleworks, embroidery and designer lingerie, pottery and etchings. Light refreshments. The Jolly Boatman, Hampton Court. Tomorrow 10am-5pm. Adults 35p, accompanied child free.

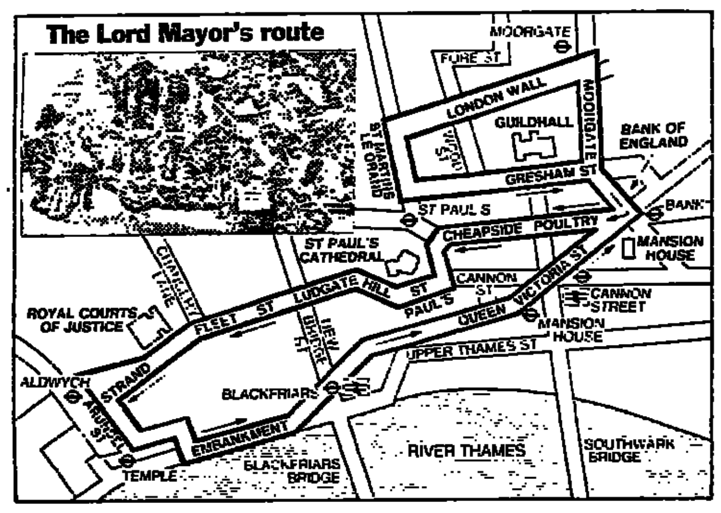
FROM RAGS TO RUSHES: Every Saturday this month, a programme of informal talks, demonstrations and workshops on the subject of floor-covering during the past 400 years. Junior versions of workshops for children accompanying adults. Today, oil-painted floorcloths. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (01-739 8368). Saturdays, 10.30am-1pm and 2-4.30pm. Free but contributions appreciated. Booking advisable.

MANCHESTER SINGING DAY: One day choral workshop for 500 young singers from Manchester and the north-west, directed by Sir Charles Groves, culminates in a public conference for Remembrance Sunday. The programme includes works by Tippett, Purcell, Parry and Ireland.
Wythenshawe Forum, Manchester. Tomorrow 5pm. Adult £2. Child £1.

THE ANIMALS' FAIR: Christmas bazaar with a wide range of crafts, toys and other items for sale. More than 36 animal charities, all working for animal welfare, will be present.
Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3. Today 11am-4.30pm. Adult 30p. Child under 14, 10p.

Judy Froshaug

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW: One of the most popular events in the British calendar, still watched by thousands, in spite of the crush. It is always advisable to position yourself and family well in advance in order to get a good view — and worth remembering that it takes 45 minutes for the procession to pass any given point. Procession leaves Guildhall at 10.45am, arrives Law Courts 12.20pm, returns to Mansion House by approximately 2.15pm. City of London, today.



The allure of steam: a standard BR design 4-6-0 mixed traffic locomotive arrives at Oxenhope, terminus of the Keighley and Worth Valley Light Railway, on a busy weekend

The trains now arriving...

Steam locomotives are coming back. Anthony Cox looks at one line's success story

A steam locomotive, Graham Mitchell believes, is one of the nearest things to a living being that man has created. "You give it rebirth each time you prepare for a journey," he says. "You actually rekindle the fire, the life, of that locomotive. You light the fire, you build up the steam pressure, and the machine responds. Everyone involved in the railway operation feels part of that process of getting the locomotive going."

And if starting the train is giving birth, what of the railway line? "The railway is almost a second career. It has taken over most of my spare time and has become almost like a marriage."

To Mitchell, aged 46, steam trains are obviously a life-or-death matter. It is an attitude that befits the chairman of one of the best-known lines in regular operation: the Keighley and Worth Valley Light Railway, which runs the five miles from Keighley to Oxenhope, in West Yorkshire, carrying some 150,000 passengers a year. You have probably seen it in productions such as *The Railway Children* and *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*.

Dr Beeching may have thought his 1955 Railway Modernization Plan would consign the steam locomotive to the scrapyard. It took no account of steam's out-in-all-weathers enthusiasts — and the availability of miles of unwanted track on unprofitable routes.

Today, Wilson's *Preserved Steam Railway Timetable* provides a guide to more than 60 standard, narrow and minimum gauge lines, steam centres and museums — almost all of them operated by armies of volunteers.

The K&WVLR arrived in the Worth Valley in 1867. By 1962 British Railways had axed the steam and diesel passenger and freight services and the line would have been shunted into railway history but for the determination of a handful of local enthusiasts. Now the line is the serious hobby of about 250 active volunteers of all ages, who work throughout hectic summers, take responsibility for maintaining and operating the line and its locomotives, carriages, stations, track, shops, buffets and museums. The trains run, on time, every weekend.

As well as being chairman, Mitchell is a volunteer guard. He had "the little boy's dream to organize a railway — I was the Fat Controller. I began with the K&WVLR as a crossing keeper and I worked for two years on the stations before becoming a guard (I was the guard in *The Railway Children*).

"On the locomotive side, teenagers start as cleaners in the sheds and then train as firemen. After two or three years of that they train as drivers. That's exactly how it was done in steam days — you worked your way up."

At the top of the railway tree is the footplateman. Richard Greenwood, aged 52, a Rochdale solicitor, is one of the Worth Valley line's 20 or so qualified drivers. "Sometimes driving is quite a battle," he says. "It's very challenging. At the end of the day you have a tremendous sense of achievement that by your efforts you've worked the schedule with a train that you and the rest of the team put together from a heap of spare parts. Every journey is different; every engine is different."

Not everyone, however, wants to drive the train. "We need engineers, people to sell tickets, look after the station gardens, work in the signal box," says Ralph Povey, one of the railway's founders and now its president. "We have a permanent way repair gang who have been together for about 20 years. We have one man who likes looking after the gas lamps — and we're the second largest user of gas for illumination in the country, after the royal parks. We break even."

"On the Worth Valley line," Mitchell says, "we are now a part of the fossilized, slightly sanitized, railway past. We have created something like the conditions of the pre-1914 railway companies. We are a living memorial.

"About five years ago we were very worried that there would not be another generation coming in, but first there developed a cult of diesel preservation which now brings youngsters into the steam yard, and secondly, *Thomas the Tank Engine* on television has generated an enormous amount of interest among the young."

Indeed, steam trains could soon be ending up again in the most famous junction of them all. Local enthusiasts recently operated two old-fashioned excursion trains out of Crewe to test public interest. The experiment was a resounding success: the 12-coach steam-hauled trains were packed with 500 passengers at £10 a ticket, and cheered on by thousands of spectators lining the tracksides. So much for Beeching's axe.

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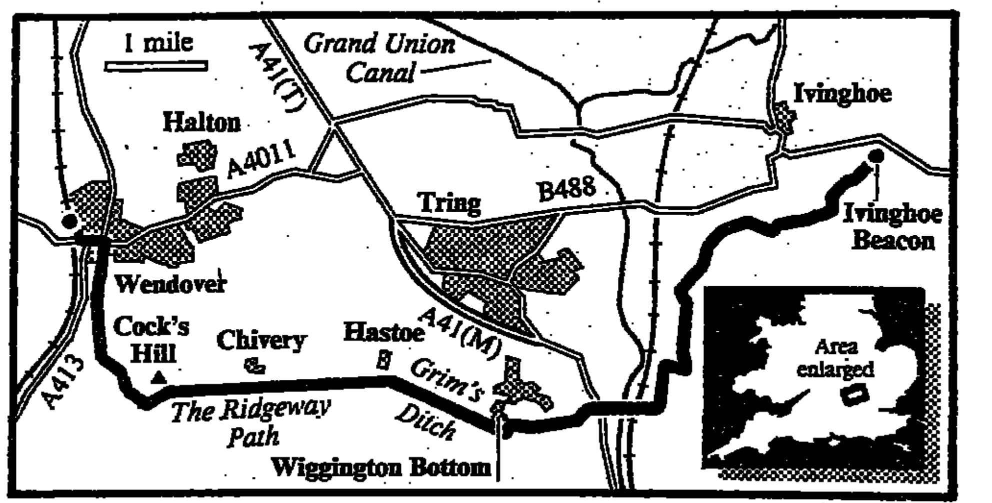


First, the bad news. If you do this walk by train, so to speak, you will have to retrace two-miles-worth of your footsteps at the end of the journey to get back to Tring.

No matter, there are plenty of consolations. Here is a bouncy, breezy hike along the Icknield Way, which has been trodden on by millions of people and animals since palaeolithic times. It was part of a vital chalk grid of pedestrian motorways, running all the way from south Dorset to Norwich and the Wash.

Part of the joy of this walk, if you are coming from London, is the train ride through Metroland to Wendover station, which is but a Betjeman's whisper from the route. Stroll through the town, then south and east into open country and on to the long contours of Cock's Hill. Chivery, Hastoe and Wiggington Bottom — the names pass rhythmically by between the broken, rutted route of Grim's Ditch to the right and its modern counterpart, the A41(M), mercifully distant on the left.

Wander on, across the course of an old Roman road, since hijacked by the motor car, then over the bridge straddling the Grand Union Canal, to the railway line and the north. A compact, friendly switchback of hills takes you finally across a small protrusion of Hertfordshire, on to the fine vantage point of Ivinghoe Beacon and then, alas, back again.

Alan Franks

When icicles hang by the wall

WEATHER EYE

Last winter, for the first time since 1975, we had a truly mild winter with no significant cold spells. In the intermediate years there was an extraordinary variety of winter weather. Though only 1978-9 qualified as a truly cold winter, six of the 10 years from 1978 to 1987 featured at least one remarkably cold spell which caused widespread disruption.

It is widely assumed that the behaviour of wildlife provides important clues about the coming season. Plenty of berries on trees and shrubs, or the early arrival of fieldfares, redwings and waxwings from Scandinavia are seen as clear evidence that a cold winter is on the way.

Folklore is based on two premises. First, it assumes that nature provides for future extremes, so an abundant harvest of berries is a sign that provision is being made for wildlife to survive the winter. The second belief is that extremes of temperature and rainfall are soon matched in a predictable way by equal and opposite extremes.

The underlying assumption is that if a parallel can be drawn between recent weather patterns and past events, the past behaviour can be used as the basis of a forecast. This proposition has been tested many times; at best, results can be termed interesting rather than convincing.

Good examples of these patterns have been published each year in the Royal Meteorological Society magazine, *Weather*, by Ned Davis and Robert Ratcliffe, former head of the meteorological office's long-range forecasting group.

They use the monthly records of temperature and rainfall for England and Wales, extending back to the beginning of the 18th century, together with observations of global pressure patterns.

They have concluded that, to the end of October, the patterns were remarkably similar to last year and that a mild winter is again on the cards.

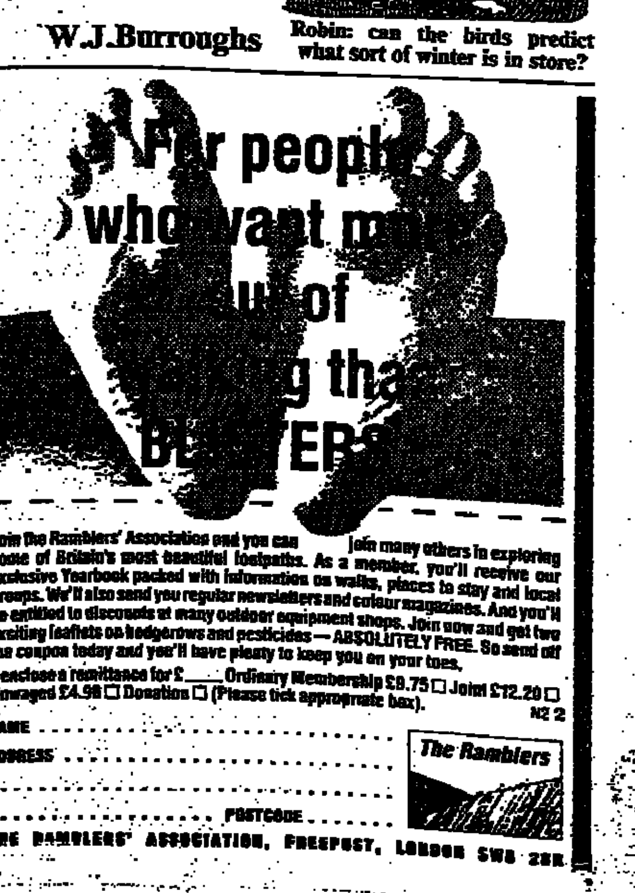
The cold weather at the beginning of this month may support this conclusion. Folklore has a number of saws which link early cold with mild winters. For example, it is said that if a duck can walk on ice at Martinmas (November 11), at Christmas he will swim.

But cold Novembers can be misleading. In 1985, Davis and Ratcliffe predicted a mild winter during what was a very cold November. This forecast proved accurate until late January, then the coldest February in 40 years, with almost unbroken frost, made it look pretty silly. In mitigation, it was noted that there was no parallel in the records with the switch that occurred in the winter of 1985-86.

This sums up the problem of all such forecasts. The records we have represent only a tiny fraction of the number of possible combinations that could occur, so the chances of finding past years which exactly match current events are slim.

W.J.Burroughs

Robin: can the birds predict what sort of winter is in store?



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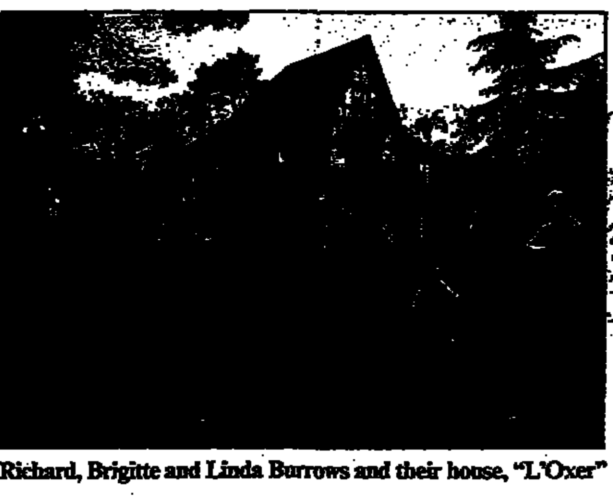
PROPERTY

Making the French connection

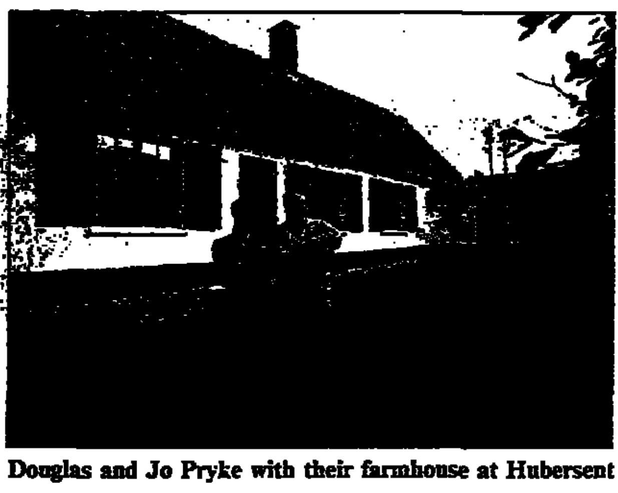
PHOTOGRAPHS BY GRAHAM WOOD

There is a corner of France that is forever England: Le Touquet is the place to pick up a weekend cottage, reports **Rachel Warren**

La Louvière, a seven-bedroom forest mansion at Le Touquet, in which Edward VIII, as Prince of Wales, spent many summers. Recently bought for £275,000, the aim is to let it to a family



Richard, Brigitte and Linda Burrows and their house, "L'Oxer"



Douglas and Jo Pryke with their farmhouse at Hubersent

Charles and Marie-Louise Judd, with grandchildren, at home

A first-time visitor to Le Touquet cannot fail to be struck by the Englishness of this elegant resort. Grand Victorian and Edwardian style mansions rise from the woodland on the outskirts of the town. Closer in, past the magnificent Casino and Westminster Hotel, half-timbered buildings house cafés and smart boutiques.

Even the new homes, built since the war, continue to pay architectural homage to the English style which so affected the town's early days. It was the vision of one John Whitley, in the 1890s, that laid the foundations for an ambitious Anglo-French resort, and a succession of English entrepreneurs have developed its leisure interests ever since.

The English glitterati of the Twenties and Thirties flocked here for the gambling – Britain had no casinos – stayed at sumptuous hotels, watched horse racing and played polo, cricket and tennis during the day.

Edward VIII, as Prince of Wales, spent many summers here at a seven-bedroom forest mansion called La Louvière. It is for this aspect of its history that Jeff Wooller, who runs the London Accounting College, has just bought the property for some £275,000. "We bought here," he says, "because most estate agents are saying that property in France stands the best chance of high appreciation in the next 10 years. Obviously the connection with the Windsors should also make it worth more."

Very few of Le Touquet's English residents remember its prewar glory. But it was nostalgia for the golden summers of his childhood in the town that drew Richard Burrows back in the early 1950s. "It was fantastic in the Twenties and the Thirties, full of English people all elegantly dressed. There were wonderful cars, Ford Model Ts and Buicks. Le Touquet was the first resort in the world. Its Hermitage Hotel was the best hotel in the world. Its casino was the biggest in the world."

The war tarnished that image, laying waste to buildings and leaving those vast beaches land-mined. But today Burrows is enjoying his retirement in the idyllic surroundings of his beautiful 14-room mansion "L'Oxer". Here he lives with his wife Brigitte and youngest daughter Linda, aged 15, pursuing the love of his life, horses – they breed and show them – and golf on the two fine courses close to his home.

His former colleague, Charles Judd, who heads Express Auto, the French arm of a British company, also came here for love in the Fifties. In his case the object of his affections was Marie-Louise, his wife, whom he met during a postwar Le Touquet holiday.

Like Burrows, he first worked at the airport, which thrived on freight in the Fifties and early Sixties, with some 200 flights a day between Lydd and Le Touquet. Now he commutes once a week to the parent company on Barking; the ferry or hovercraft journey from Boulogne takes only a few hours and has never bothered him.

"The town is typically French but at the same time it's *pro*-English. I have never felt I was in a foreign land because there were so many English people around," he says. Their family home is in town, a neat white house with six rooms, much larger than it first appears from the outside. They have lived here for 25 years.

It is that proximity and the prospect of even faster travel when the Channel Tunnel is built that is now the major attraction for English people. A new generation is discovering the resort and coming not just to play golf and enjoy the sun and sea, but also to buy properties for weekend homes that are much cheaper than the British equivalent.

Artist Michel Le Bourlier, who was born in England but has lived here since 1974, sees this first hand. His wife Karine, who runs the Agence Bernard, has an increasing need for his English-speaking skills at her estate agent's business in the town centre.

Their home is a pleasant 1920s house appropriately called "L'Aquarelle" (watercolour) which he bought cheaply in a state of some disrepair eight years ago and has worked on ever since. The old stable behind is now his studio, stacked with paintings and two model theatres. In England he painted portraits. In Le Touquet he paints landscapes because there is, he says, "such a beautiful light".

The unspoiled countryside around Le Touquet is proving a big attraction for the British. "We've had English people coming non-stop for the last three months. As a rule they want to spend around £60,000 – often on an old farmhouse – although the odd client is looking for an estate house or a castle."

A farmhouse is what Douglas and Jo Pryke had set their sights on – and what they found via British agent Brenda Jarvis in the tiny village of Hubersent, a 20-minute drive from the town centre. "It's beautiful and suddenly it's on our doorstep," says Douglas, who owns nursing and care homes around Folkestone, where they live.

"We had been thinking of buying an Englsh country cottage just to get away to at weekends. But England is so expensive these days. This was the second property we saw here and we loved it. It's crazy, with tiny doors upstairs. The family can use it. The staff can use it. My partner has just bought in the next village, so we're looking forward to some really good parties here – starting with New Year."

> *'The town is typically French but at the same time it's pro-English'*

It was this kind of enthusiasm that prompted Brenda and Michael Jarvis to turn Le Touquet and its surrounding countryside into a business prospect. They had bought a flat here two years ago so that they and their two children, Alton, 12, and Julia, 14, could enjoy the beach and the sports activities. "We favoured an apartment then, rather than a house, because we thought we could let it more easily if we got bored with it. But we kept coming back and back – every month." Now the studio flat, which Brenda swears will sleep six, is in almost constant use. Brenda herself has turned estate agent, flitting back and forth across the Channel, introducing ever more English people to French homes through her liaison with the town's largest agency, Bergounioux.

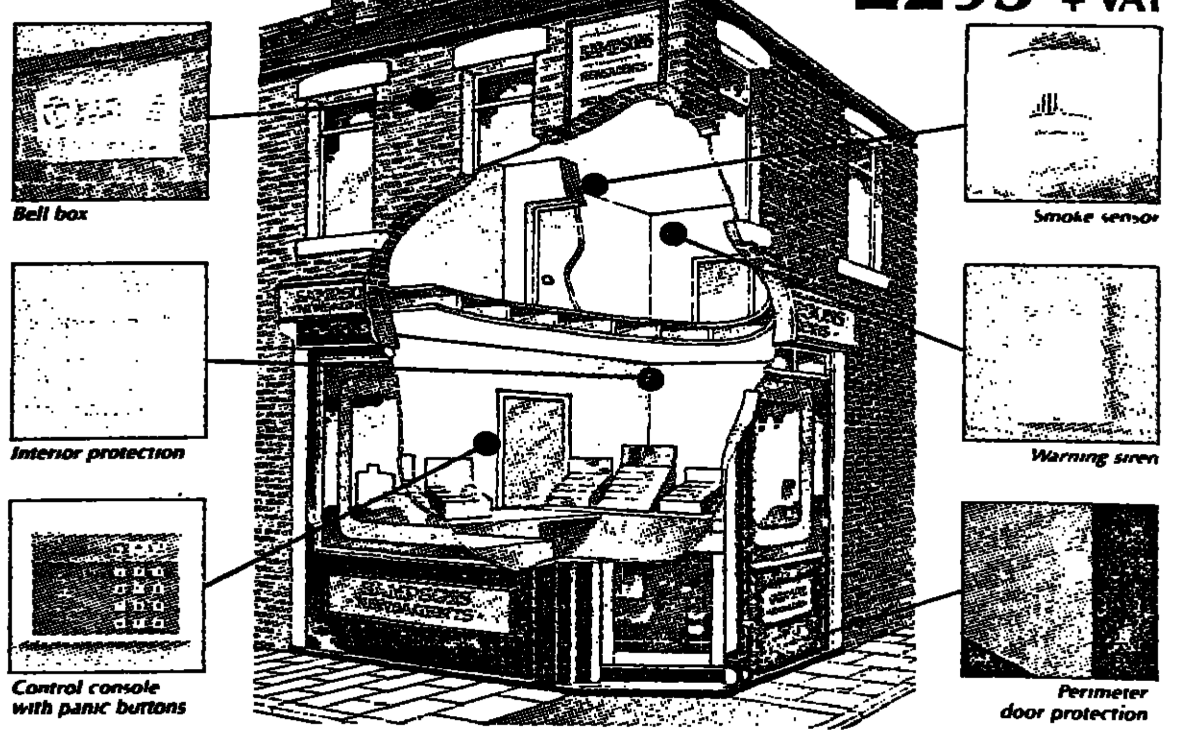
Its owner, Jean-Louis, who speaks English fluently and is a lawyer and authority on Le Touquet, is convinced that the British invasion will continue. And Brent Walker – the latest in the long line of English entrepreneurs promoting the resort's leisure interests – are banking on its increasing popularity. In March 1987, before the Channel Tunnel plan was finalized, the company cannily bought a 1,500 acre estate which includes Le Manoir Hotel, the Casino de la Forêt, two 18-hole golf courses and one nine-hole course. It cost £4.8 million.

Now they plan to extend the nine holes to 18 and build an adjacent 120-bedroom hotel, and a 45-bedroom hotel above the Casino.

In partnership with builders Declan Kelly, two small villages adjacent to the golf courses will be built over the next four to six years. They plan more than 600 homes in one village and 350 in the other, ranging from one-bedroom apartments to three-bedroom houses. In addition, Declan Kelly will build individually designed three, four and five-bedroom homes on more than 60 separate plots.

Le Touquet, it seems, is about to enjoy a new golden age.

Michel le Bourlier, a painter, with his 1920s house "L'Aquarelle", bought eight years ago: the stable behind it is now his studio



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